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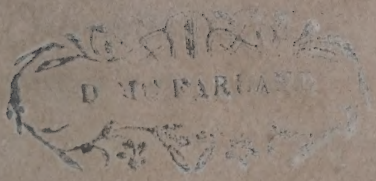

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ANECDOTES.

PETER'S WIFE'S MOTHER.

A clerical gentleman, remarkable for preaching many sundays from one text, had nearly run through the year from these words, "Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever." The church bell tolled early one morning, when the minister despatched a servant to inquire who was dead. The sexton pretended ignorance, but returned for answer, "that he believed it was "Peter's wife's mother," as she had been sick for a long time."

SCATTERING SHOT.

An itinerant preacher, who rambled in his sermons, when requested to stick to his text, replied, "that scattering shot would hit the most birds."

POLISHING.

A person in a public company, accusing the Irish nation with being the most unpolished in the world, was answered mildly by an Irish gentleman, "that it ought to be otherwise, for the Irish meet with hard rubs enough to polish any nation on earth."

A PROVERB WELL APPLIED.

A gambler who was very eager and covetous, said, after losing a large sum at play, "I have at least the merit of losing my money without complaining." "True," said a lady, "for great grief is dumb."

PARSON'S TOAST.

Lord Clive asked a chaplain to one of his regiments in the East Indian Company's service for a toast, "Alas and alack-a-day! what can I give?" said the latter—"Nothing better," replied his lordship. "Come gentlemen, a bumper to the parson's toast a *lass*, and a *lack* a day!"

N. B. A lack of rupees is a hundred thousand pounds.

FLESH AND THE SPIRIT.

Miss Drummond the late famous preacher among the quakers, being asked by a gentleman if the spirit had never inspired her with the thoughts of marriage, "No, friend," said she, "but the flesh often has!"

ATTORNEYS AND APOTHECARIES.

Rabelia says, "the attorneys are to the lawyers what the apothecaries are to physicians, only they do not deal in *scruples*."

TESTAMENTS.

A countryman going into the Probate office where the wills are kept in huge volumes on the shelves, asked if they were all *bibles*? "No Sir," replied one of the clerks, "they are testaments."

CONCORD.

"I wonder," said a woman of humour, "why my husband and I quarrel so often, for we agree uniformly in one grand point: he wishes to be master, and so do I."

A BILL.

A grave-digger, who burried a Mr. Button, placed the following item in a bill which he sent to the widow of the deceased:——

"To making a Button-hole—2s."

EQUALITY.

A curious conversation lately took place on board one of the Margate hoys, which being overheard, occasioned no small merriment among the passengers. A gentleman who was totally unacquainted with the customs of those vessels, till all the cabins were doubly occupied, one excepted, in which there was a lady. He addressed himself to her: "Pray Madam, be so kind as to make way for me?" Good God, Sir! you cannot come here, go to the other cabins." "I have, madam, and find they are all full." "Sir, it is impossible to admit you here, for I am undressed." "Well, Madam, I scorn to take any advantage of you, I will therefore undress too!"

MASTER OF THE PARISH.

As a lame country school-master was hobbling one day to his school room, he met with a certain nobleman, who asked him his name and vocation. Having declared his name, he added, "I am master of the parish!" "Master of the Parish!" observed the peer, "how can that be?" "I am master of the children of the Parish," said the man; "the children are masters

of their mothers; the mothers are the rulers of the fathers, and consequently I am master of the whole Parish."

PREMEDITATED POVERTY.

A friend overtaking Shuter one day in the street, said to him, "Why, Ned, are you not ashamed to walk the streets with twenty holes in your stockings? why don't you get them mended?" "I am above it," replied Ned," for a *hole* is the *accident of the day*, but a *darn* is *premeditated poverty*.

PRUDENT DELAY.

A plasterer and his boy being employed to white wash a house by the day, was so tedious that the owner one day asked the lad, in his master's absence, when he thought they would have it done. The boy bluntly replied, "that his master was looking out for another job; and if they found one, they should make an end that week."

PHYSICIANS.

Addison very humourously compared physicians to an army of ancient Britons, as described by Julius Caesar. He says of them, "Some slay on foot, and some in chariots. If the infantry do not so much execution as the cavalry, it is because they cannot convey themselves with so much velocity into all quarters, nor dispatch their business in so short a time."

MRS. CHAPONE.

Mrs. Chapone was asked the reason why she always come so early to church. "Because," said she, "it

is a part of my religion never to disturb the religion of others."

OPINIONS.

M. de Barlurieux refused an appointment in the Guards to an applicant, on the ground of his being too young. "*He thinks me too young for a volunteer*," said the boy; "*and I think him too young for a Secretary of State.*"

PATENT.

When Charles the Second saw a man climb to the top of the flag-staff on the pinnacle of Salisbury spire, "Odds fish!" said he, "this man shall have a patent, that nobody shall do this but himself."

IF I MAY BE SO BOLD.

A gentleman on his way from Boston to Vermont, stopped at a tavern where he met an inquisitive country fellow who said to him, "where have you come from, if I may be so bold? Not bold at all, I came from Boston. Where are you going, if I may be so bold? I am going to Vermont. Who are you going to see there, if I may be so bold? I am going to see the widow M——. Are you a married man, if I may be so bold? I am a widower. Are you going to marry the widow M. if I may be so bold? That's too d--d bold!

A GOOD ROAD.

A Bostonian meeting a British officer at a coffee-house in London, was told that nothing equalled St. James' Park. The Yankee replied, that in Boston there was as fine a *common*, and as elegant a *mall*. Well, replied the Englishman, have you as good roads in

America as are to be found in England? The Yankee immediately answered, that the road leading from Saratoga, on one occasion, was considered peculiarly good and useful to the army of George the Third.

THE TRUE SUBLIME.

A Methodist preacher at a camp meeting in Delaware, made use of the following sublime figure. "It is as impossible for an unregenerated soul to enter into the kingdom of heaven, and be saved, as it would be for the best horseman among you, to ride down the clouds upon a thunderbolt, through the branches of a crab apple tree, without getting scratched."

THE ADVANTAGE.

Two gentlemen, Mr. D. and Mr. L. stood candidates for a seat in the legislature of New-York—They were violently opposed to each other; by some artifice, Mr. D. gained the election. When he was returning home much elated with success, he met a gentleman, an acquaintance of his——"Well," says D. "I have got the election—L. was no match for me— I'll tell you how I flung him—if there happened any Dutch voters, I could talk Dutch with them, *and there I had the advantage of him.* If there were any Frenchmen, I could talk French with them, *and there I had the advantage of him.* But as to L. he was a clever, honest, sensible little fellow."—"Yes, sir," replies the gentleman, "*and there he had the advantage of you.*"

COLLINS.

This sweet poet was much attached to a young lady, who was born the day before him, and who did not return his passion. "Yours is a hard case," said a friend. "It is so indeed," replied Collins, "for I came into the world *a day after the fair.*

AN EQUAL MATCH.

A gentleman paid his addresses to a termagant widow at Bath; and it being remarked that he had killed a man in a duel, another person immediately replied, "the match will be equal, for the lady *has killed her man.*"

A SIMPLETON.

A countryman giving his evidence at court was asked by the counsel, if he was born in *Wedlock!*" "No, Sir," he replied, "I was born in *Devonshire.*"

From the Will of Gen. Blachett, late Governor of Plymouth, proved 1782. I desire my body to be kept so long as it may not be offensive; and that one of my toes or fingers may be cut off *to secure a certainty of my being dead.* I further request my dear wife, that as she has been troubled with one old fool, she will not think of marrying a second.

From the Will of J. Cross, Mariner, of Bristol, proved 1795. My executrix ———, to pay (out of the first monies collected) to my beloved wife, Sarah, *if living*, one shilling, which I give as a token of my love, that she may buy hazle nuts, as I know she is better pleased with cracking them, than she is with mending holes in her stockings.

From the Will of the Rev. Dr. Applebee, of St. Bride's, proved 1783. I leave my body to be dressed in a flannel waistcoat, an old surtout coat, and breeches without linings or pockets, no shoes, (having done walking,) and a worsted wig, if one can be got, in order *that I may rest comfortably.*

STUTTERING LETTER.

A certain old woman took from the post office in the town of G——, a letter. Not knowing how to read, and being anxious to know the contents, supposing it to be from one of her absent sons, she called on a person near, to read the letter to her. He accordingly began and read:

"*Charleston, June 23d,* 1821.

"Dear mother,"—then making a stop to find out what followed (as the writing was rather bad,) the old lady exclaimed, "O 'tis from poor Jerry, *he always stuttered.*"

SIR WILLIAM JONES AND THOMAS DAY, ESQ.

One day upon removing some books at the chambers of the former, a large spider dropt upon the floor, upon which, Sir William, with some warmth, said, "Kill that spider, Day; kill that spider!" "No," said Mr. Day, with that coolness for which he was so conspicuous—"I will not kill that spider, Jones; I do not know that I have a right to kill that spider! Suppose when you are going in your coach to Westminster Hall, a Supreme Being, who perhaps, may have as much power over you, as you have over this insect, should say to his companion, "Kill that lawyer; kill that lawyer!" How should you like that, Jones? and I am sure, to most people, a lawyer is a more obnoxious animal than a spider."

WILLIAM PITT.

The *fashionable* hours of the present times were neatly censured by him. "Mr. Pitt," said the dutchess of Gordon, "I wish you to *dine* with me at *ten* this evening." I must decline the honour," said the premier, "for I am engaged to *sup* with the bishop of Lincoln at *nine.*"

NEWS-PAPERS.

"Pray," said a facetious lady, "Mr. Pitt, as you know every thing that is moving in the political world, tell me some news," "I am sorry madam," said the discreet premier, "I have not read the news-papers of the day."

A QUIZ.

A gentleman, relating one night, at a coffee-room in Oxford, that Dr. ——, of Brazen Nose college, had *put out his leg* in crossing a kennel, five surgeons immediately set off for the doctor's apartments, but returned dismayed, saying no such thing had happened. "Why," replied the gentleman, "how can a man cross a kennel without *putting out his leg?*"

HUME.

David Hume observed, that all the devout persons he had ever met with were melancholy. On this Bishop Horne remarked, this might very probably be; for, in the first place, it is most likely, that he saw very few, his friends and acquaintance being of another sort; and, secondly, the sight of him would make a devout man look melancholy at any time.

CARDINAL POLE.

In a company where cardinal Pole was, the conversation turned on a young man who was very learned, but very noisy and turbulent. The cardinal remarked, "That learning in such young men is like new wine in the vat, there it works and ferments; but after it is put into a vessel, having gathered its strength together, it settles, and is quiet and still."

ALEXANDER POPE.

Once dining with Frederic, Prince of Wales, he paid the prince many compliments. "I wonder, Pope," said the prince, "that you, who are so severe upon kings, should be so complaisant to me." "It is," said Pope, "because I like the lion before his claws are grown."

A JUDGE'S ADVICE.

A certain Judge, after hearing a florid discourse from a young lawyer, advised him to pluck out some of the feathers from the wings of his imagination, and put them into the tail of his judgment.

SIR GEORGE ROOKE.

When the gallant Sir George Rooke was making his will, some of his friends expressed their surprise that he had so little to leave. "It is true," said the noble admiral, "I do not leave much; but what I do bequeath was honourably gained; for it never cost a sailor a tear, nor the nation a farthing."

BISHOP RUNDLE.

Queen Caroline pressed him to tell her of her faults. "If it so please your majesty," said he, "I will tell you of one. Persons come from all parts of the king dom, to see your majesty, when you attend Whitehall Chapel. It is therefore to be lamented that you talk so much to the king during divine service." "Thank you my lord bishop," said the queen, "now tell me another of my faults." "That I will do with great pleasure," said he, "When you have corrected that I have just mentioned."

SIR CHARLES SEDLEY

James Second created Miss Sedley his mistress, the daughter of Sir Charles Sedley, countess of Dorchester Sir Charles, however, was instrumental in the revolution which placed William and Mary on the throne. Being reproached for his conduct, as a proof of ingratitude to James who ennobled his daughter, he answered: "he has made my daughter a countess; and how can I show my gratitude better than by making his daughter a queen."

GOVERNMENT.

Themistocles had a son who was the darling of his mother. "This little fellow," said Themistocles, "is the sovereign of all Greece." "How so," said a friend, "Why, he governs his mother, his mother gov erns me, I govern the Athenians, and the Athenians govern all Greece."

A YANKEE TRICK

An eastern pedlar lately desired accommodation for the night at a tavern in the south part of Virginia; but from the prejudice frequently existing against this class, our host for a long time refused. At last, he consented, on condition that the pedlar should play him a Yankee trick before he left him. The offer was accepted. On rising in the morning, Jonathan carefully secured the coverlet of the bed, which, among other articles he pressed the landlady to purchase. The low price of the coverlet operated at once upon the latter, who insisted that her husband should buy it, adding, that it would match her's exactly. Jonathan took his money, mounted his cart, and had got fairly under way, when our host called to him that he had forgotten the Yankee trick he was to play him. O never mind, says Jonathan, you will it find out soon enough.

CIVILIZATION.

A traveller described the sad catastrophe of being cast away with a few companions upon an unknown shore. "After walking several miles," said he, "in a dreary and desolate country, just as we were giving ourselves over to despair, we espied a gibbet with a man hanging upon it, a sight so very promising could not fail to raise our spirits, as we were convinced we were now coming into a *civilized* part of the world."

QUEEN BESS.

A courtier came running to her, and with a face full of dismay, "Madam," said he, "I have bad news for you; The party of tailors mounted on mares, that attacked the Spaniards, are all cut off." "Courage! friend," said the queen, "This news is indeed bad; but when we consider the nature of the quadrupeds and the description of the soldiers, it is some comfort to think we have lost neither *man* nor *horse*."

ANECDOTE OF A YOUNG INDIAN.

An English gentleman and his friends travelling through a piece of woods in one of the western states, took with him an Indian lad as a guide. In the course of the day, they separated, and one of them finding some curious berries, sent them to his companion by the lad, with a note specifying the number. The one who received the present, found some of the berries missing, and having reprimanded the boy for eating or losing them, sent him back for more. The gentleman forwarded a second parcel, with the number again marked on the note. The boy played the same trick with these, delivering only part of what he received. This procured a second scolding. Whereupon the Indian fell down upon his knees, and kissed the paper, saying, I found out, the first time, this paper was a witch or conjuror; but now he has proved his

power to be supernatural indeed; because he tells, *that which he did not see;* for when I flung away these last berries, for the sake of experiment, I took care to *slip the note under a stone,* that it might not know what was passing.

DR. HUNTER.

Old Dr. Hunter used to say, when he could not discover the cause of a man's sickness, "We'll try this, and we'll try that. We'll shoot into the tree, and if any thing falls, well and good." "Aye," replied a wag, "I fear this is too commonly the case, and in your shooting into the tree, the first thing that generally falls, is the patient."

ORIGINAL SIN.

A scotchman in New-Hampshire being sick, was called upon by a clergyman, who conversed with him upon his religious concerns. Said the minister, 'Do you repent of all your sins? Do you repent of Adam's first sin?' '*Adom! Adom!*' said the sick Scotchman, 'I never knew the *mon!*'

SUN AND AIR

A pert young lady was walking one morning on the Steyne, at Brighton, when she encountered the celebrated Wilkes: "You see," observed the lady, "I am come out for a little *sun* and *air*." "You had better, madam, get a little husband first."

A FRENCHMAN AT HOME.

A Frenchman who had been several years confined for debt in the Fleet Prison, found himself so much at home within its walls, and was withal so harmless and

inoffensive a character, that the gaoler occasionally permitted him to recreate himself by spending his evenings abroad, without any apprehension of the forfeiture of his verbal engagement. His little earnings as a jack of all trades, enabled him to form several pot-house connections, and these led him by degrees to be less and less punctual in his return at the appointed hour of nine.—"I'll tell you what, Monsieur," at length said the gaoler to him, "you are a good fellow, but I fear you have got into bad company so I tell you once more for all, that if you don't keep better hours, I shall be under the necessity of locking you out altogether."

LOOSE HABITS.

The late Bishop of Bristol, (Dr. Mansell, Master of Trinity College) disapproving of the large Cossack trowsers, which he thought savoured more of a martial than a clerical air, forbade them to be worn by the young men of his college, who were ordered to appear in tight breeches. 'The good Bishop,' observed one, 'does not approve of our present *loose habits*.' 'True,' replied another, 'and surely he behaves very inconsistently.' 'How so?' 'Why, you cannot but allow that it is both inconsistent and indecorous in him to *contract* the loose habits of the University!'

AN EXTRA ORDINARY.

An avaricious person, who kept a very scanty table, dining one Saturday with his son at an ordinary in Cambridge, whispered in his ear, "Tom, you must eat for to-day and to-morrow," "O yes," retorted the half starved lad, "But I ha'nt eaten for yesterday and the day before yet, father."

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

A Greek Bishop is stated by a modern traveller thus to characterize his own church:—"One half the Greek church has no religion at all; and those who have any are worse than the others."

WHERE YOU OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN.

A Clergyman who is in the habit of preaching in different parts of the country, was not long since at an inn, where he observed a horse Jockey trying to take in a simple gentleman, by imposing upon him a broken-winded horse for a sound one. The Parson knew the bad character of the Jockey, and taking the gentleman aside told him to be cautious of the person he was dealing with. The gentleman finally declined the purchase, and the Jockey, quite nettled, observed—'Parson, I had much rather hear you preach, than see you privately interfere in bargains between man and man, in this way.' 'Well, (replied the Parson,) if you had been where you ought have been, last Sunday, you might have heard me preach.' 'Where was that,' inquired the Jockey. 'In the State Prison,' returned the clergyman.

EURIPIDES.

Many of the Athenians, during their captivity at Syracuse, owed the good usage they met with, to the scenes of Euripides they repeated to their captors, who were extremely fond of them. On their return they went and saluted that poet as their deliverer, and informed him of the admirable effects wrought in their favor by his verses. Scarce any circumstance could be more pleasing and flattering than this testimony.

FALLING OFF.

An officer, at a field day, happened to be thrown from his horse—and as he lay sprawling on the ground, said to a friend (who ran to his assistance) 'I thought I had improved in my riding, *but I find I have fallen off.*'

NARROW SOULS.

Dean Swift says, "It is with *narrow souled people* as it is with narrow necked bottles, the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out."

CARDINAL RICHELIEU.

An officious informer came to tell cardinal Richelieu of certain free expressions that some persons had used in speaking of him. 'Why how now!' said the cardinal; 'do you dare to come and call me all these names to my face, under pretence of their having been said by honest gentlemen?' and, ringing his bell, said to the page in waiting, 'Kick that fellow down stairs.'

USE OF THE BIBLE.

A magistrate asked a negro if he could read? "Yes, Massa, little," said he—"Do you ever use the Bible?" inquired the justice—"Yes, Massa, I 'trap my razor on it," replied sooty.

TAKING A WIFE.

It was said of a man who married a rich, but ugly woman, that "he took her by weight, and paid noth ing for the workmanship."

GONE OFF.

'I thought you told me that —'s fever was gone off," said a gentleman. "I did so, said his companion, but forgot to mention that *he* went off along with it."

MR. FOX

'There can be nothing more ridiculous,' said Lord N. one day, 'than the manner in which the council of state assemble in certain negro nations. In the council chamber are placed twelve large jars half full of water. —Twelve counsellors of state enter naked; and stalking along with great gravity, each leaps into the jar and immerses himself up to the chin; and in this pretty attitude they deliberate on the national affairs.'—'You do not smile,' continued the minister, addressing himself to Mr. Fox. 'Smile!' said Charles, 'No, I see every day things more ridiculous than that.' 'More ridiculous!' returned his lordship, with an air of surprise. 'Yes,' answered Charles, 'a country where *the* JARS *alone* sit in council.'

JUDGE PETERS.

On his entrance into Philadelphia, General Lafayette was accompanied in the barouche by the venerable Judge Peters. The dust was somewhat troublesome, and from his advanced age, &c. the General felt and expressed some solicitude lest his companion should experience inconvenience from it. To which he replied: General, you do not recollect that I am a JUDGE—I do not regard the DUST, I am accustomed to it. The lawyers throw dust in my eyes almost every day in the court house

RETORT.

Two men, in dispute, reflected upon each other's veracity. One of them replied, that he was never whipt but once by his father, and that was for telling the truth. I believe then (retorted the other) "the truth was whipt out of you, for you never have spoken it since."

A YOUNG CLERGYMAN.

A young clergyman having the misfortune to bury five wives, being in company with a number of ladies, was severely rallied by them upon the circumstance. At last one of them rather impertinently put the question to him, 'How he managed to have such good luck.' 'Why, Madam,' says the other, 'I knew they could not *live* without contradiction, therefore I let them go their own way.'

RUSTIC POLITENESS.

The father of the present Lord *Abbingdon*, who was remarkable for the stateliness of his manners, one day riding through a village in the vicinity of Oxford, met a lad dragging a calf along the road: who, when his Lordship came up to him, made a stop, and stared him full in the face. His Lordship asked the boy if he knew him. He replied, 'Yes.' 'What is my name?' —'Why Lord *Abbingdon*,' answered the lad. 'Then why don't you take off your hat?' 'I will, sur,' said the boy, 'if ye'll hold the calf.'

PARDON.

The Duke of Orleans when Regent of France, was solicited by several noblemen to pardon a man who

had been convicted of murder, and who had been pardoned for committing two other offences, replied, "I will pardon him, at your request, but take notice, and keep this in your memory, that I will certainly *pardon* the *man*, whoever he may be, *that kills either of you.*"

THE KING'S SAFETY.

The Duke of York meeting King Charles the Second, attended only by two persons, expressed his surprise that the King should so expose himself—"No man," replied the Monarch, "will take away my life to make you King."

A GOOD REASON.

A gentleman ordered his servant (a regular Pat) to awake him at six o'clock, that he might get ready to start at seven by an early coach, in which he had taken his place, for the country. The gentleman awoke and called his man—'What o'clock is it?' 'Just seven, your honour.' 'Seven—did not I tell you to awake me at six?' 'Yes, sir.' 'And why did you not?' '*Because your honour was asleep.*'

GARRICK'S EYE.

Miss Pope was one evening in the Green-room, commenting on the excellencies of Garrick, when, among other things, she said "He had the most wonderful eye imaginable—an eye to use a vulgar phrase, that would penetrate through a deal board."—"Aye," cried Wewitzer, "I understand—what we call a *gimblet eye.*"

ASSES HEADS.

A countryman passing over the Pont Neuf at Paris, and seeing, among a heap of shops full of merchandise, that of a banker in which there was nothing but a man sitting at a table with pen and ink, had the curiosity to go in and inquire what it was he sold: 'Asses heads,' replied the banker: 'They must be in great request,' said the countryman, 'since you have only your own left.'

A PLAIN CASE.

Mr. Sergent Gardner, being lame of one leg, and pleading before Fortescue who had little or no nose; the judge said to him, "he was afraid he had but a *lame* case of it." "Oh! my lord," said the Sergent; "have but a little patience, and I'll prove every thing as *plain as the nose on your face.*"

INDUSTRIOUS APPRENTICES.

The master of a ship walking on deck called into the hold, "Who is there?" a boy answered, "Will, Sir." "What are you doing?" "Nothing, Sir." "Is Tom there?" "Yes," said Tom. "What are you doing?" "Helping Will, Sir!"

SENSIBILITY.

A lady, who made pretensions to the most refined feelings, went to her butcher to remonstrate with him on his cruel practices. "How," said she, "can you be so barbarous as to put innocent little lambs to death?" "Why not, madam," said the butcher; "you would not eat them alive, would you?"

SHERIDAN.

When Mr. Thomas Sheridan, son of the late celebrated Richard Brinsley Sheridan, was a candidate for the representation of a Cornish borough, he told his father, that if he succeeded, he should place a label on his forehead with the words 'to let,' and side with the party that made the best offer. 'Right, Tom,' said the father, 'but don't forget to add the word 'unfurnished.'

THEATRICAL.

A candidate for the stage applied to the manager of the Lyceum Theatre for an engagement. After he had exhibited specimens of his various talents, the following dialogue took place between them—"Sir, you stutter!" "So does Mrs. Inchbald." "You are lame of one leg!" "So was Foote." "But you are thick legged!" "So is Jack Johnson." "You have an ugly face!" "So has Liston." "You are very short!" "So was Garrick." "You squint abominably!" "So did Lewis." "You are a monotonous mannerist!" "So is Kemble." "You are but a miserable copy of Kemble!" "So is Barrymore." "You have a perpetual whine!" "So has Pope." "In comedy you are a mere buffoon!" "So is Munden." "But you have all these defects combined!' "So much the more singular."

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

A lady said to her servant, "are the pigs fed"—which was heard by Sir Walter Raleigh, who was her guest, and who made the same inquiry of the lady himself. "Sir," said she, "*you know best* whether you have had your breakfast."

PREMIUM WIFE.

An agricultural society offered a premium for the best mode of *irrigation*, which was printed *irritation* by mistake; whereupon an honest farmer sent his *wife* to claim the prize.

U AND I.

A lady happening to say varuation instead of variation, seemed to be offended when informed of the error by a gentleman, but had her good nature restored, when told by him. "Madam! Heaven forbid that there shoud be any difference between U and I."

GOOD GOING.

"I shall soon die, Cuffy—I must soon set out upon a long journey;" said a sick man to his old negro servant. "Berry well," replied Cuffy, "I guess Massa hab good going, cause it be all way down hill."

A LIBERAL JUDGE.

Judge Bond said to an old hag while under examination, "You keep a brothel and I will *maintain* it." "Will you," she exclaimed, "I always took you to be a kind hearted liberal gentleman."

COCK FIGHTING.

A gentleman having engaged to fight a main of cocks, directed his feeder in the country, who was *a son of the sod*, to pick out two of the best, and bring them to town. Paddy having made his selection, put the two cocks together into a bag, and brought them with him in the mail coach. When they arrived, it was found

that upon their journey they had almost torn each other to pieces; on which Paddy was severely taken to task for his stupidity, in putting both cocks in one bag. 'Indeed,' said the honest Hibernian, 'I thought there was no risk of their falling out, as they were going to fight on the same side.'

THE DEVIL'S SISTER.

A woman quarrelling with her husband, told him, she believed if she was to die, he would marry the Devil's eldest daughter. "The law does not allow a man to marry two sisters," replied the tender husband.

BIGAMY.

An Italian being accused of marrying *five wives* was asked by the judge why he wedded so many. "In order to meet with a good one, *if possible*," the fellow replied.

THE APOTHECARY.

An apothecary asserted in a large company "that *all* bitter things were *hot*." "No," replied a physician, "a bitter cold day is an exception."

MEDIATOR.

A young divine, on his examination before the Archbishop of York, for holy orders, was asked by his grace, who was the mediator between God and man?" to which he immediately answered, "The Archbishop of Canterbury."

DR. BUSBY.

The celebrated Dr. Busby having chastised some of the boys at Westminster school, they resolved to revenge it, which they effected in the following manner: They daubed with dirt the balustrades of the stairs leading to the school, which the doctor, being infirm, always laid hold of. He was much incensed at the trick, and on reaching the school offered a reward of half a crown to any boy that would inform him who had a hand in it. The apprehension of those concerned may be imagined, when a junior boy rose and said that he would tell, provided the doctor promised not to flog him, which being agreed to, the lad directly exclaimed—'*You, Sir—you had a hand in it.*' He rewarded the boy for his wit.

DESPATCH.

The gallant captain Harper, of his Majesty's ship Wye, after having captured a small fishing schooner belonging to Newcastle, and got her safe into Digby, fearing that the crew would *retake* her, had her dismantled, by taking out the masts and unhanging her rudder. This operation, with the assistance of his officers and crew was performed in one hour and three quarters. When the schooner was dropping astern of the ship, the officers, who were looking at her over the railing of the quarter deck, and laughing at her naked appearance, sneeringly asked one of the fishermen if he thought the Yankees could strip a vessel so expertly. The fisherman replied he thought it had been done in a short time for them; but, said he, I once assisted in taking *three masts out your frigate the Java, and we did it in just half the time.*

A SPIRIT OF LITIGATION PUNISHED.

Some years since, a man, who had more spare money than good sense, suffered himself to be sued for

a debt of about *two dollars*. Enraged at the *audacity* of the plaintiff, he resolved to put every engine of the law in motion, "to keep him out of his money," and accordingly applied to a gentleman of the bar for his professional aid to effect this object. After listening to his statement of the case, the attorney demanded a fee of only three dollars, which the defendent promptly paid down, highly gratified with the smallness of the sum required. The attorney went to the magistrate's office, and paid the debt and costs with the three dollars which he had just received from his client. They met in a few days after, when the man inquired of the attorney whether he had attended to the case, and what had been the result. "Yes," replied the lawyer, "and I have completely *nonsuited* the plaintiff—he'll never trouble you any more."

A JUST DECISION.

Louis the Fourteenth of France, playing at backgammon, had a doubtful throw; a dispute arose and all the courtiers remained silent. The Count de Grammont came in that instant. "Decide the matter," said the King to him. "Sire," said the Count, "your majesty is in the wrong." "How so," replied the King, "can you decide without knowing the question?" "Yes," said the Count, "because had the matter been doubtful, all the gentlemen would have given it for your Majesty!"

PRAYERS REQUESTED.

The editor of the Christian Mirror, printed at Portland, a Mr. Parkhurst, formally requests the prayers of his subscribers and patrons for him, not as being *in a* WEAK *and low condition*, but that his mind may be strengthened, and he be preserved from sinful temptations,—being obliged to read over so many of the *world's newspapers*, to collect a summary of what is *doing in the world* for the benefit of his readers! He

intimates that he has sometimes been disposed to *laugh*, and at other times he has felt much grieved at the folly and thoughtlessness of the world's people. We are *sorry* for Mr. P. whose case is so singular, even as distinguished from other Christian editors, and will contribute at once all in our power towards the restoration of his mind to a sane and *rational* state, by crossing out his name in the list of our exchanges.—*Keene Sent*

THE TEA KETTLE.

A scholar, who was reading at night, heard a thief breaking through the wall of his house. Happening to have a tea-kettle with boiling water before the fire, he took it up, and placing himself by the side of the wall, waited for the thief. The hole being made, a man thrust his feet through, when the scholar immediately seized them, and began to bathe them with boiling water. The thief screamed, and sued for mercy, but the scholar replied very gravely, "stop till I have emptied my *tea-kettle.*"

FORTITUDE.

At the siege of Yorktown, two blacks were placed as sentinels together. When the relief came, the corporal found both in the same position he left them: on demanding of the one sitting why he did not rise, he answered, "I believe Massa, I'se wounded, and I guess Cuffee dead; hant poke dis good while." On examination Cuffee was really dead, and Sambo had the bones of his arm and leg so badly fractured as to render amputation absolutely necessary. When the poor fellow was informed of it, he replied, "well Massa, take um off." After the operation was performed the surgeons began to condole with him upon his misfortune, when he exclaimed, "Neber mind, Massa, tank God, I got noder leg and noder arm for um yet."

ORIGINAL ANECDOTE.

A little girl, three years and a half old, passing along the streets of Goshen, a few days ago with her Ma, and observing a Goose with a yoke on, exclaimed, "Why Ma, there's a Goose with Corsetts on."—*Goshen Pat.*

A JUDGE.

A grave magistrate was sitting at table between two young coxcombs, who took it into their heads to attempt making him the butt of their ridicule. "Gentlemen," said he, "I plainly perceive your design; but, to save unnecessary trouble, I must beg leave to give you a just idea of my character. Be it known to you, therefore, that I am not precisely a fool, nor altogether a knave, but (as you see) something between both."

HEROISM.

Plutarch has related a beautiful instance of female heroism. Epponia, a Romish lady, being informed that her husband Sabius, when beaten by the troops of the emperor Vespasian, had concealed himself in a deep cave between Franche Comte and Champagna, made herself a voluntary prisoner with him, waited upon him, supported him for many years, and had children by him. At length, being apprehended, together with her husband, and brought before Vespasian, who expressed his surprize at her courage and fortitude, she returned this magnanimous answer: 'I have lived under ground and in darkness, far happier than you have on the summit of power, and in the light of the sun!'

NAVIGATION.

A fishing schooner belonging to Boston, fell in with the ship Izette which arrived here on Saturday from Liverpool. The skipper thinking that all ships on our coast

must be bound to Boston as a matter of course, he being none of the best of navigators, and wishing to get home as soon as possible, undertook to follow in the wake of the ship. He did so, but instead of arriving at Boston, in a few hours found himself snug in Portsmouth harbor. The first questions he asked were, "What town is this? How came I here? Where is Boston, and how shall I get there!"—*Ports. pa.*

FAIR SEX.

A stout negro, who, to use the vulgar phrase, was as black as the ten of clubs, that is nine times blacker than the ace, was some time since walking with a lady on each arm, no less sable than himself, when they drew near to two gentlemen who were engaged in close conversation, and though there was room to pass them on either side, the negro bolted between them, crying—"Heh, Massa, no got de politeness, why you no make room for de *fair sec*?"

STORM AT SEA.

In a storm at sea, the chaplain asked one of the crew if he thought there was any danger. "O yes," replied the sailor; "if it blows as hard as it does now, we shall all be in heaven before twelve o'clock to-night." The chaplain terrified at the expression, cried out, "Shall we? the Lord forbid!"

THEATRICAL TRAP DOOR.

As there was a scarcity of males in George Alexander Stevens' company, a female was easily prevailed upon one night to wear the breeches. The moment she appeared on the stage, a burst of laughter proceeded from every quarter of the theatre; the actress joined in the laugh supposing her exertions in the comic character had given perfect satisfaction. But she discover-

ed the origin of the fun when her little daughter addressed her with considerable energy—"*Mother, mother, button your breeches.*"

CUTTING TEETH.

Charles Bannister being caught one day in a shower of rain, went for shelter into a comb-maker's shop, where an old man was at work. "I am sorry," said Bannister to him "that a person at your time of life, should have so much pain." "Pain, I have no pain," exclaimed the man." "Yes, you must have, are you not cutting your teeth?"

KEMBLE FAMILY.

The great uncle of the late John Philip Kemble, was a Roman Priest in the reign of Charles the First, at Hereford, and was there tried, condemned, and executed in the place then called Wide Marsh, now the race ground. His hand was cut off, and about thirty years since, was in possession of a Mr. Freeman, a respectable Roman Catholic, dwelling within two miles of that city, where it was employed by the superstitious to touch wens and sores, under the idea of being endowed with supernatural virtue.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

Dignum and Moses Kean the mimic were both tailors and intimate friends. Charles Bannister met them under the piazza in Covent Garden arm in arm. "I never see these men together," said he, "but they remind me of one of Shakspeare's comedies." "But which of them?" "Why measure for measure."

BOYER.

Boyer, a French dramatic author, had been fifty years writing without success. That he might prove whether his condemnation was not on account of the prejudice of the critics, he gave it to be understood that the new tragedy of Agamemnon was the production of a young man lately arrived at Paris. The piece was received with great applause, even by Racine himself, who was the great scourge of Boyer. The next night the tragedy was hissed, Boyer having made it known that he was the author.

WHOM WILL YE HAVE ME BELIEVE.

In chancery when the council of the parties set forth the boundaries of land in question, by the plot, and the council on one part said, "we lie on this side, my lord," and the council on the other part, said, "we lie on this side." The lord chancellor, observed, "If you lie on both sides, whom will ye have me believe."

A SIGN OF LIFE.

Some robbers having broken into a gentleman's house, went to the bed of the footman and told him if he moved, he was a dead man. "That's a lie!" said he, "for if I move, I am sure that I am alive!"

EFFECTS.

It was observed of a deceased lawyer, that he left but few *effects*, to which a female remarked, that "he had but few *causes*."

DANGER OF LOQUACITY.

"Doctor! why have I lost my teeth?" said a talkative female to a physician. "You have worn them out with your tongue," he replied.

SECRET.

An Ægyptian being asked what he carried so closely? replied, "It is covered in order to be kept secret!"

ADVERTISEMENT.

The following advertisement was some years ago posted up at North Shields.—"Whereas, several idle and disorderly persons have lately made a practice of riding on an ass, belonging to Mr. ——, the head of Ropery stairs; now, lest any accident should happen, he takes this method of informing the public, that he has determined *to shoot the said ass*, and cautions any person who may be riding on it at the time, to take care of himself, lest by some unfortunate mistake he should shoot the *wrong one*."

BLUNDERINGS.

At a late fair of Ballinasloo, a rich grazier, being in his cups, made a boast that he and three other pot companions had contrived to swallow sixteen bottles of port at one sitting. 'Pray, sir,' said a gentleman present, 'would you have the goodness to give us the names of the three other brutes that were engaged with you?' 'That I will,' says he, 'there was Tom Mathews that's *one;* the *two* Grogans—that's *two;* myself —that's *three;* and—(after a long pause)—why, by my soul, there was four of us—Let me see, (reckoning upon his fingers,) there's the two Grogans that's *one;* myself—that's *two;* Tom Mathews—that's *three;* and —by the——I forget the name of the other; but I know that there were *four* of us, any how.'

RECKLESSNESS.

Anecdote of Rev. Dr. Lawson, of Scotland.

He never permitted any powder to be put on his wig; but on one occasion, it was powdered by his family without his knowledge, on a Sabbath morning. When he began to grow warm and animated in his sermon, the powder falling about his neck and face, produced a sensation which made him rub and brush himself fre quently with his handkerchief, until at length he discovered the cause; when taking off his wig before the whole congregation, he deliberately struck it several times against the side of the pulpit, until he dusted the powder out; then re-placed it upon his head, and pro ceeded with his discourse.

CANDID ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

At the Abingdon sessions, last week, a worthy lady appeared to swear to a pair of breeches of her hus band's which had been purloined. On the production of the garments in court, she was asked to whom they belonged. "Why," said she, "I think they belong to me, for I wear them *sometimes*."

ELECTIONEERING IN ARKANSAS.

The following communication is copied from the Ar kansas Gazette:—

"*I am a candidate for the* COUNCIL.

N. B. *Tailoring business* done at Mr. Saunders.

D. BOYER.

Little Rock, April 5th, 1825."

ABSENCE OF MIND.

A well known gentleman, of Magdalen College, Cambridge, had taken his watch from his pocket to

mark the time he intended to boil an egg for his breakfast, when a friend entering the room, found him absorbed in some abstruse calculation, with the egg in his hand, upon which he was intently looking, and the watch supplying its place in the sauce-pan of boiling water.

CURE FOR PARSIMONY.

The late Mr. Ticknesse being in a great want for money, applied to his son (lord Audley,) for assistance, but being denied, he immediately hired a cobbler's stall in the same street, directly opposite his Lordship's house, and had a board put up with these words upon it: "*Boots and Shoes made and mended by Philip Ticknesse, father to Lord Audley.*" This answered the purpose; and he was supplied with every thing he wanted, on condition of leaving the stall.

TRUTH *vs.* POLITENESS.

At a tea-party, where some Cantabs happened to be present, after the dish had been handed round, the lady, who was presiding over the tea equipage, 'hoped the tea was good.' 'Very good, indeed, madam,' was the general reply, till it came to the turn of one of the Cantabs to speak, who between truth and politeness, shrewdly observed—'That the *tea* is *excellent*, but the *water* is *smoky*.'

BE KINDLY AFFECTIONATE.

Monicha, Austin's mother, had a very ill husband, of a cross and perverse disposition. A heathen woman, who lived near her, asked her, "How comes it to pass that you and your husband live so well together? We know your husband is of a cross, perverse disposition, yet we see nothing but a great deal of sweetness and love between you; it is not so with us, we cannot

do so." Monicha answered, "It may be when your husband is untoward and perverse, you give him cross answers, but the Christian religion teaches me otherwise. When my husband comes home, and is in a passion, the Christian religion teaches me to be as loving, dutiful, and amiable to him as I can. So I have gained the heart of my husband."

THE SERPENT.

The first time the serpent was used in a concert at which Handel was in the habit of presiding, he was so disgusted at the powerful coarseness of its tones that he called out in a rage, "*Vat de diffil be dat?*" On being informed that it was an instrument called a serpent, "*O*," he replied, "*de serpent! aye, but it be not de serpent vat seduce Eve!*"

A RARE MATHEMATICAL WIND.

The late Professor Vince, one morning, (several trees having been blown down the night previous) meeting a friend in the walks of St. John's College, Cambridge, was accosted with, 'How d'ye do, sir? quite a blustering wind this.'—'Yes,' answered Vince, 'it's a rare *mathematical wind*.'—'Mathematical wind!' exclaimed the other, 'How so?'—'Why,' replied Vince, 'it has extracted a great many *roots!*'

A RUNNING ACCOUNT.

"I am sorry, said a Chamberlain, to a poor German Count, to be obliged to quit your service, having been with you many years without receiving any wages." Well, said his lordship, I know I am in your debt, but you should consider that it is still running on.—"That I do consider, (replied the Chamberlain) but I am afraid it runs on so fast, that I shall never be able to overtake it."

SHERIDAN.

The late R. B. Sheridan being once on a Parliamentary Committee, happened to enter the room when most of the Members were present and seated, though business had not yet commenced; when, perceiving that there was not another seat in the room, he with his usual readiness, said, "Will any gentleman *move* that I may *take the chair*?"

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Shortly after the commencement of the last war a tax was laid on candles, which, a Ricardo lecturer would prove, made them dearer. A Scotch wife in Greenock remarked to her chandler, Paddy Macbeth, that the price was raised, and asked why. "It's a' owin to the war," said Paddy. "The war!" said the astonished matron, "Gracious me! are they gaun to fight by candle-licht?"

SUFFERINGS.

A native of Hibernia, relating to his friend the dangers and difficulties he had undergone both by sea and land, speaks thus to him with great seriousness:—I believe in my soul John, that I have suffered every thing that man fears but death; and I expect, if I shall live, to suffer that also.

INDIAN SHREWDNESS.

He that delivered it unto thee, hath the greater sin.—"I am glad," said the Rev. Dr. Y——s to the chief of the Little Ottawas, "that you do not drink whiskey, but it grieves me to find that your people use so much of it." "Ah yes!" replied the chief, and he fixed an impressive eye upon the doctor, which communicated the reproof before he uttered it, "we Indians *use* a great deal of whiskey, but we do not *make* it."

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

A French gentleman, some days since, applied to the secretary of one of the London charities to know the nature of its foundation. The clerk was proceeding regularly to inform him that they had one good president and twelve vice-presidents, when he was interrupted by "Ah, ha! von gud president; vice, dat is vicked, and you have twelve vicked ones; they will be all too strong for dat gentleman; I shall carry my money to another house."

LEGAL PRESUMPTION.

Baldus, a very eminent lawyer of the 14th century, and Menochius, who wrote on legal presumption in the 16th century, both lay it down as clear law, that "if it be proved that a certain man's head has been cut off, a violent presumption will follow from thence, *that that man is dead.*"

THE FAIRY QUEEN.

When Spencer had finished the *Fairy Queen*, he carried it to the Earl of Southampton, the great patron of the poets of those days. The manuscript being sent up to the earl, he read a few pages, and then ordered the servant to give the writer twenty pounds. Reading further, he cried in rapture, "Carry that man another twenty pounds!" Proceeding still, he said, "Give him twenty pounds more." But at length he lost all patience, and said, "Go, turn that fellow out of the house, for if I read on I shall be ruined."

LOQUACITY.

A very pretty woman, who was tediously loquacious, complained one day to Madame de Sevigné, that she was sadly tormented by her lovers "Oh, madam," said

Madame de Sevigné to her, with a smile, "it is very easy to get rid of them, you have only to speak."

LAWYERS OUTWITTED.

Two lawyers by the name of *Root* and *Bush* chancing to meet an idiot at a tavern, to amuse themselves put questions to him. and, among others asked him what kind of a place he thought Heaven was? He answered that he thought it was a barren, open country, where there was not a *Root* or *Bush*, nor ever would be.

THE PRESIDENT'S GUARD.

An Englishman in Philadelphia speaking of the Presidency of Washington, was expressing a wish to an American to behold him. While this conversation passed," "there he goes," replied the American, pointing to a tall, erect, dignified personage, passing on the other side of the street—"that General Washington!" exclaimed the Englishman—"where is his guard?" "Here," replied the American, striking his bosom with emphasis.

THE ODDS.

A sailor having purchased some medicine of a celebrated doctor, demanded the price. "Why," says the Doctor, "I cannot think of charging you less than seven and sixpence." "Well I'll tell you what," replies the sailor, "take off the *odd* and I will pay you the even." "Well, returned the doctor we don't quarrel about trifles." The sailor laid down sixpence and was walking off, when the doctor reminded him of his mistake. "No mistake at all sir; six is even and seven is odd all the world over, so I bid you good day." "Get you gone," said the doctor, "I've made *four pence* out of you yet."

AUCTION OF LADIES.

An auction of unmarried ladies used to take place annually in Babylon. "In every district," says the historian, "they assembled on a certain day of every year, all the virgins of marriageable age." The most beautiful was first put up, and the man who bid the largest sum of money gained possession of her. The second in personal appearance followed, and the bidders gratified themselves with handsome wives, according to the depth of their purses. But, alas! it seems there were in Babylon some ladies for which no money was likely to be offered, yet these were also disposed of, so provident were the Babylonians. "When all the beautiful virgins," says the historian, "were sold, the crier ordered the most deformed to stand up; and after he had openly demanded who would marry her with a small sum, she was at length adjudged to the man who would be satisfied with the least; in this manner the money arising from the sale of the handsome, served as a portion to those who were either of disagreeable looks, or that had any other imperfection." This custom prevailed about 500 years before Christ.

HONESTY.

A beggar asking Dr. Smollet for alms, he gave him, through mistake, a guinea. The poor fellow, on perceiving it, hobbled after him to return it; upon which Smollet returned it to him, with another guinea, as a reward for his honesty, exclaiming at the same time, "What a lodging Honesty has taken up with!"

DISCRETION.

CÆSAR having found a collection of letters, written by his enemies to POMPEY, burnt them without reading:—"For" said he, "though I am upon my guard against *anger* yet it is safer to remove the *cause*."

PUBLIC GRATITUDE.

Voltaire relates, with great simplicity, that at the first representation of one of his tragedies, the audience, who saw the author in a box with an extremely beautiful young Dutchess, required that she should give him a kiss, by way of acknowledging the public gratitude. The victim, a partaker in the general enthusiasm, felt apparently no repugnance to make the sacrifice.

THE CELEBRATED DODDINGTON.

Doddington was very lethargic. Falling asleep one day, after dinner, with Sir Richard Temple, Lord Cobham, and several others, one of the party reproached him with his drowsiness. He denied having been asleep, and to prove he had not, offered to repeat all Lord Cobham had been saying. Cobham challenged him to do so. Doddington repeated a story, and Cobham owned he had been telling it. "Well," said Doddington, "and yet I did not hear a word of it; but I went to sleep *because that I knew about this time of day you would tell that story.*"

PETER PINDAR.

Dr. Walcot, (the facetious *Peter Pindar*) on being once reproved by a gentleman for the liberties he had taken with his Sovereign, is said to have replied with as much truth as wit, "I confess there exists this difference between the King and me—the King has been a good *subject* to me; but I have been a *bad subject* to his Majesty.

MICHAEL ANGELO.

Michael Angelo, when painting in the Pope's Chapel the picture of Hell and the souls of the damned, made one of the latter so exact a resemblance of a

Cardinal, who was his enemy, that every one immediately recognized it; whereupon the Cardinal immediately applied to Pope Clement, desiring it might be effaced; to which the latter replied—"You know that I have power to deliver a soul out of purgatory, but not out of Hell!"

DIGESTION.

Foote was rattling one evening, in the green room, when a nobleman, who seemed highly entertained, cried out, "Well, Foote, you see I swallow all the good things." "Do you, my Lord duke?" says the other, "then I congratulate you on your digestion, for I believe you never threw up one of them in your life."

THE PRESIDENT AND AN IRISHMAN.

On Saturday the President of the United States arrived at Philadelphia on his way to Washington. He came in the steam-boat from Trenton. While on board the boat, says the Democratic Press, a well dressed, ruddy complexioned man addressed him in these words —'I am an Irishman, sir; I understand you are the President of the United States, and I desire to have the honour to shake hands with you.'—'With great pleasure, sir,' said Mr. Adams, extending his hand and shaking that of the person who addressed him. 'May I ask, sir,' said the President, 'how you like this country.'—'Indeed, sir,' said the Irishman, 'I like it very much. I like it so much, that I intend soon, *to become* A NATIVE!!' The President smiled, and with a gentle inclination of the head, said—'We shall be happy, sir, to have such fellow citizens.'

OBEYING ORDERS.

A vain fellow who commanded a small vessel, but who tried to appear greater than the captain of a first rate man of war, told his cabin boy one day that he

had company coming on board to dine; and that when he asked for the silver handled knives and forks, he must tell him they have gone ashore to be ground; and answer in the same strain to any question he might put. He did so. The knives and forks went off very well. The next question was, where is that large *Cheshire cheese*, boy? 'Gone ashore to be ground, sir,' was the answer.

WHIMSICAL INTERRUPTION.

When Dr. Bradon was rector of Eltham, in Kent, the text he one day took to preach from, was, "Who art thou?" After reading the text, he made (as was his custom) a pause, for the congregation to reflect upon the words; when a gentleman in a military dress, who at the instant was marching very sedately up the middleaisle of the church, supposing it to be a question addressed to him, to the surprise of all present, replied, "I am, sir, an officer of the seventeenth of foot, on a recruiting party here; and having brought my wife and family with me, I wish to be acquainted with the neighboring clergy and gentry." This so deranged the divine and astonished the congregation, that though they attempted to listen with decorum, the discourse was not proceeded in without considerable difficulty.

MR. HUSKISSON.

A gentleman stoutly maintained some point in argument by saying, "Why, sir, I assure you I read it, this very morning, in a pamphlet on the subject." "If that be all," said Mr. Huskisson, "I have the advantage of you, for I read the same nonsense, in a quarto, twenty years ago, and yet it is not a bit the truer."

A WARY CREDITOR.

A dashing gentleman, who was not reckoned among the number of the best paymasters, visiting his hatter, fixed upon one of the hats in the shop which he wished to have sent home upon credit: this being refused, he exclaimed "What! do you refuse to give me credit for a hat?" when the hatter replied, I have another trifling objection besides that of merely giving you credit—I should not like to be under the necessity of bowing to my OWN HAT till you may choose to pay for it.

JUDGE ROOT.

Judge Root, in going a circuit in England, had a stone thrown at his head, but from the circumstance of his stooping very much, it passed over him. "You see," said he to his friend, "had I been an *upright* Judge, I might have been killed."

PRINCE'S METAL.

When the Prince of Orange, afterwards William the Third, came over to this country, five of the seven Bishops who had been sent to the Tower, declared for his Highness; but the other two would not. Upon which Dryden said, "that the seven golden candlesticks were sent to be assayed in the Tower, and five of them proved *Prince's metal.*"

ANGEL'S COSTUME.

Upon the death of a worthy baillie of Edinburgh, his relations resolved to erect a monument to his memory. They accordingly applied to a mason, and among other directions, desired that he would represent an angel, bearing the baillie to heaven. The mason set to work, and chisseled out a charming likeness of the deceased worthy on the head of the angel, he

carved a wig similar to the baillie's (which was the largest wig in the Town Council.) One of his relations, on returning from London, went to inspect the subject of the sculpture. After musing some time over it, he asked the mason who the lower figure was intended for. "Oh, that's the angel lifting our auld friend to heaven." "The angel?" said the gentleman, "who ever saw an angel wear a *wig*?" "Did ye ever see ane *without a wig*?" retorted the artist. This was unanswerable; so the monument was erected, and may be seen on the north side of the church-yard of the Greyfriars, to the wonder of all beholders.

SHERIDAN.

The late R. Brinsley Sheridan, Esq. threatening to cut his son Thomas off with a *shilling;* he immediately replied, 'Ah father, but where will you borrow *that shilling?*' This humour, so like his own, procured the desired pardon.

CATCHING THE IDEA.

A minister reading the first line or so of a chapter in the bible, the clerk, by some mistake or other, read it after him. The clergyman read as follows:—"Moses was an austere man, and made atonement for the sins of his people." The clerk, who could not exactly catch the sentence, reported it thus: "Moses was an *oyster-man*, and made *ointment* for the *shins* of his people." Again, "and the Lord smote Job with sore boils." "The Lord *shot* Job with *four balls*."

BAR MAIDS.

In France, especially, very handsome girls are sometimes employed as bar maids, to entice people to sin. But one of the French provincial journals, giving a few details respecting the fair of Beaucaire, relates the fol-

lowing order of the police:—"No coffee-house keeper or lemonadier, either in the fair or in the town, will be permitted to expose, at the counter or otherwise for the purpose of attracting visitors, any woman, except his own lawful wife, upon a penalty of a heavy fine."

ANECDOTE OF MR. FOX.

From infancy to manhood it was the practice of his father, Lord Holland, to shew him the most unlimited indulgence. The following story is told in proof of it. Master Charles, when six or seven years of age, one day strolled into the kitchen; and while dinner was cooking, and a pig roasting at the fire, he amused himself with making water upon the unresisting porker. It was a standing order of the house to contradict him in nothing, so there was nothing to be done—but to let the pig be so basted. The cook, however, thought it fair to give the guests warning of the sauce to it, which he did by sending up the following lines upon a label in its mouth.

If strong and savory I do taste,
'Tis with the liquor that did me baste,
While at the fire I foam'd and hiss'd,
A *Fox's cub* upon me ————.

At Saint Barthelemy, near La Ferte-Gaucher, an old countryman lay on his death-bed. His son went to fetch the clergyman, and stood knocking at his door for three hours. "Why didn't you knock louder?" said the clergyman. "I was afraid of waking you," said the clown. "Well, what is the matter?" "I left my father dying, Sir." "So! so! he must be dead, then, by this time?" "Oh no, Sir," returned the other, "neighbour Peter said he would amuse him till I came back."

LORD NORBURY.

A man having been capitally convicted before his lordship, was as usual, asked what he had to say why judgment of death should not pass upon him! 'Say?' replied he, 'why, I think the joke has been carried far enough already, and the less that is said about it the better—so if you please, my lord, we'll drop the subject.' 'The subject may drop,' replied his lordship.

CHINESE TAILORING.

A gentleman gave a coat to a Chinese to serve as a pattern by which to make a new one; there happened to be a rent across the shoulder, and a large patch on the elbow of the old coat; the faithful Chinese made a large rent, and put a broad patch on the elbow of the new!

THE TWO DUTCHMEN.

Two dutchmen not long since, had occasion to go to a blacksmith's on business, and finding the smith absent from the shop, they concluded to go to the house; having reached the door, said one to the other "come Haunse you ax about de smit," "nain, nain, (said the other,) but you can tell so better as I can, vell den so I knocks." The mistress of the house came to the door. Haunse then inquired, "is de smit mitin?" "Sir," said the woman; "is de smit mitin?" "I cannot understand you," said the woman. Haunse then bawled out, "vot de debil, I say is de smit mitin" The other Dutchman, perceiving that the woman could not understand Haunse, stepped up and pushed him aside, and said, "let a man come up what can say something; is de black smit shop in de house?"

GEORGE SECOND.

King George II. was very fond of old Whiston, the theologian, and was walking with him one day in the gardens of Hampton-court, during the heat of his persecution, when the King said, "Mr. Whiston, you may, perhaps, be right in your opinions, but it would be better if you kept them to yourself." "Is your Majesty really serious in your advice?" answered the old man. "I am," replied the King. "Then," said Whiston, "I am sorry for it; had Martin Luther been of your way of thinking, where would your Majesty have been at this time?"

A PHILOSOPHER'S SKULL.

A famous craniologist strolling through a church yard, perceived a grave-digger tossing up the earth, among which were two or three skulls; the craniologist took up one, and, after considering it a little time, said, "Ah, this was the skull of a *philosopher*." "Very like, your honour," said the grave-digger, "For I do see it is somewhat *cracked*."

THE CANDID LAWYER.

A counsellor was asked one day by a judge why he was always employed in knavish causes? "Why, my lord," replied he, "I have been so much in the habit of losing good causes, that I think I had better undertake bad ones."

AN ELEGANT COMPLIMENT.

Garrick asked Rich, the manager of Covent Garden Theatre how much he thought it would hold? "I would tell you to a shilling," replied the manager, "if you would play Richard there."

MARRIAGE PORTION.

A woman of Athens, once asked a Lacedemonian wife, by way of satire, what portion she had given to her husband, "My *chastity*," was her noble reply.

LAWYER'S HONESTY.

A Lawyer of Stratsburg being in a dying state, sent for a brother lawyer to make his will, by which he bequeathed his estate to the *Hospital des Fous* (*Idiots.*) His brother advocate expressed his surprise at his bequest. "Why not bestow it upon them?" said the dying man, "you know I obtained my money from fools, and to fools it ought to return."

SIMPLICITY.

A plough-boy left his work and went home during a gentle sprinkle of rain, when his master told him he should not leave off work till it rained *downright*. A few days after the boy stayed all day and returned drenched with rain. His master asked why he did not come home before, to which he replied, "but you zed I shouldn't come hoam vore it rained *downright*, but it was *aslant* all day long."

A SUFFICIENT REASON.

A drunken fellow having sold all his goods except his feather bed, at last made sale of that too, and his conduct being reproved by some of his friends, "Why," said he, "should I keep my bed when I am well, thank God?"

THE RETORT.

Two girls of fashion entered an assembly room, at a time when a fat citizen's wife was quitting it. "Oh," said one of them, "there's beef *a-la-mode* going out." "Yes," answered the object of ridicule, "and *game* coming in."

ANTICIPATION.

A Nabob in a severe fit of the gout, told his physician he suffered the pains of the damned. The doctor coolly answered, "what *already*."

LIKE A PUPPY.

A gentleman observed to a lady, that a mutual friend, since a late illness, had spoken like a *puppy*. "No doubt," she replied, "for I understand he has lately taken to *bark*."

THE MISER PUNISHED.

A miser having lost an hundred pounds, promised ten pounds reward to any one who should bring it him. A poor man brought it to the old gentleman, and demanded the ten pounds, but the miser in order to baffle him, alleged there were an hundred and ten pounds in the bag when lost. The poor man, however, was advised to sue for the money; and when the cause came on to be tried, it appeared that the seal had not been broken, nor the bag ripped, the judge said to the defendant's counsel, "The bag you lost had an hundred and ten pounds in it you say?" "Yes, my lord," says he. "Then," replied the judge, "according to the evidence given in court, this cannot be your money, for here are only one hundred pounds; therefore the plaintiff must keep it till the true owner appears."

A HARD MASTER.

A theatrical manager, one evening when his band was playing an overture, went up to the horn players and asked why they were not playing? They said they had twenty bar's rest. "Rest," says he, "I'll have no *rest* in my company, I pay you for playing, not for *resting*."

GIVING THE DEVIL HIS DUE

Swift preached an assize sermon, and in the course of it was severe upon the lawyers for pleading against their consciences. After dinner a young counsel, said some severe things against the clergy, and did not doubt were the devil to die, a parson might be found to preach his funeral sermon. "Yes," said Swift, "I would, and would give the devil his due, as I did his children this morning."

A QUICK RETORT.

A black footman was one day accosted by a fellow, "Well, Blackee, when did you see the Devil last?" upon which Blackee, turning suddenly round, gave him a severe blow, which staggered him, with this appropriate answer, "When I saw him last he sent you dat —how you like it."

NAME OF A COACH.

A traveller in a stage, not particularly celebrated for its celerity, inquired of the gentleman who sat next him, what the coach was called; upon which the latter replied, "I think, Sir, it is called the *Regulator*, for I observe all the other coaches *go by it*."

PRIDE OF PARENTAGE.

A cornet of hussars who was not the most polished in his manners, having joined his regiment, was asked by his colonel, what his father was? He replied, "a farmer." "Pity your father did not make you follow his trade." Upon which the cornet asked, "Pray, Sir, what is your father?"—"A gentleman, Sir." "Pity he did not make you one," replied the cornet.

LOOSE READINGS.

A literary lady expressing to Dr. Johnson her approbation of his Dictionary, and in particular her satisfaction at his not admitting any *improper words*. "No Mad am," replied he, "I hope I have not soiled my fingers *I find, however, you have been looking for them.*"

COPPER AND BRASS.

Counsellor Dunning thinking to embarrass a witness having a Bardolphian Nose, began with, "now you Mr. with the copper nose, now you are sworn what have you to say?"—"Why, by the oath I have sworn," replied he, "I would not exchange my *copper* nose for your *brazen* face."

E. W. MONTAGUE.

This eccentric character having a large estate and being determined, if possible to disappoint the expectations of the second son of lord Bute who was his heir, had the following advertisement inserted in the London Journals. "A gentleman who has filled two succeeding seats in parliament, is nearly sixty years of age, lives in great splendour and hospitality, and from whom a considerable estate must pass if he dies without issue, hath no objection to marry any widow or single lady, provided the party be of genteel birth, po-

lished manners, and five, six or seven months gone in her pregnancy.—Letters directed to — Brecknock Esq. will be honoured with due attention, secrecy and every mark of respect." Several Ladies answered this advertisement, one of whom was selected, but Mr. M. died on his way from Venice.

PETER THE GREAT.

This monarch being in a country house was invited to a hunting party, but declined, saying, "hunt as much as you please—Make war upon wild beasts. For my part, I cannot amuse myself in that way while I have enemies abroad to fight and intractable subjects at home to reform."

THE LOST THING FOUND.

An old woman wishing to make a clergyman believe she read her bible, took it as he was coming in at the door, and upon opening it exclaimed, "Well how glad I am, for here are my spectacles which I lost three years ago."

LEFT HANDED.

An ignorant matron who could not read, when told by her clergyman that the bible before her was upside own, replied, "Sir, I am left handed."

LAW.

Two lawyers having a dispute, one said to the other who was a dwarf. "If you are not more civil, I will put you in my pocket." "Then," replied the little fellow, "you will have more law in your pocket, than you ever had in your head."

MOTTO.

The publishers of the Boston Weekly Magazine, whose motto was, "Born to no *master*, of no sect are we"—struck off a whole form with the following ludicrous motto. "Born of no MISER of no such are we"

A PLAIN STORY.

An impertinent fellow asked lord Guildford, who that *plain* lady was before him? "That lady," said his lordship, "is my wife. It is true she is a *plain* woman —I am a *plain* man—you are a *plain* dealer, and that is the *plain* truth."

BEFOREHAND.

Addison was in the habit of keeping one hand behind him, and upon being asked the reason, said, he "wished always to be beforehand in the world."

INVITING.

A man in gaol at Hull, advertised that "if the person who was guilty of the offence for which he was imprisoned, would come and confess the same, he shall be handsomely rewarded."

PART OF A SERMON.

A Welch preacher, said in a sermon, that "a bride should have nine qualifications, beginning with the letter P. viz.—Piety, Person and Part—Patience, Prudence and Povidence—Privilege, Parentage and Portion —Piety which should be first of all, is now considered in the least request, while Portion is considered all in all."

A PLEA.

At a late term of the Municipal court a culprit pleaded "Guilty, *but I am not the one.*"

CRIER.

A crier in Boston, being in the habit of crying Auction sales, after having cried a *stray female*, exclaimed, "sale at twelve o'clock."

STOCKINGS.

"BLACK stockings of ALL colours," were lately advertized in a country newspaper.

FOR SALE.

An illiterate grocer on the long wharf in Boston, not many years ago, placed an empty cask in front of his store, upon which he wrote in chalk, "*for sail.*" A wag shortly after, wrote underneath, "for freight or passage, apply at the bung hole."

WOMEN IN THE STRAW.

A lady contended, that an army of women would be as effective in the field, as an army of men, to which an officer replied, that at the expiration of nine months they would be in the straw.

A THOUGHTFUL HUSBAND.

A domestic informed his master that the house was on fire. "Tell your mistress of it," said he, "for I do not meddle with household affairs."

A BULL.

Two men fired at an eagle at the same time and killed him.—An Irishman observed, "that they might have saved the powder and shot, for the fall would have killed him."

OLD THINGS.

The King of Arragon, said, "there are four things in the world worth living for, Old wine to drink, Old wood to burn, Old books to read, and Old friends to converse with."

THIS WORLD.

"I hope that I shall not offend orthodoxy," says Dr. King, "as it is not inconsistent with the religion which I profess, if I assert, that this world is a place of punishment, as well as a place of trial, which is a proposition I think will almost admit of a mathematical demonstration."

LOST AND FOUND.

"I find there are half a dozen partridges in the letter." said a gentleman to a servant, who replied. "Sir, I am glad you have found them *in the letter, for they all flew out of the basket.*"

JUSTICE.

After the Prince of Wales was committed to prison for contempt of court, by the Chief Justice, King Henry fourth returned thanks to God, that he had given him a judge who knew how to administer, and a son who could obey the law.

RAKES.

A captain of a vessel loading coals, went into his merchant's counting house and requested the loan of a rake. The merchant looking towards his clerks, replied, "I have a number of them; but none who wish to be *hauled over the coals.*"

STUPIDITY.

"I am always heavy and stupid when I have a cold," said a gentleman, to which John Wilkes replied, "You have been afflicted too, in the same way these twenty years, to my certain knowledge."

A GOOSE.

"Well how uneasy I am seated between two tailors, said a self-important fellow. "They suffer the greatest inconvenience," replied a gentleman, "having but one *goose* between them."

DANIEL DANCER.

Daniel Dancer the miser, who possessed an annual income of 3000*l.* after wearing his *old hat, thirteen years*, was prevailed upon to purchase a more decent one from a Jew for a shilling, which instead of wearing as he intended, sold it to a servant for eighteen pence, and was highly gratified by clearing sixpence by the transaction.

AN EXCUSE FOR SAVING.

A sordid old fellow when upon his death bed without a shirt, was urged to consult a physician, and remarked, "why should I waste my money in counteracting the will of Providence," and added, "as I came into the world without a shirt, I am determined to go out in the same manner."

NECESSARIES.

A lawyer being called upon to sue a minor for *six water closets*, gave as his opinion, that the debt could be collected, as the lad had only obtained necessaries,---and necessaries the law allowed him to obtain on trust.

SAVING.

Hopkins called upon Guy for a lesson of frugality---Guy, extinguishing a farthing candle, said, "we can talk this matter over in the dark."

REVENGE.

A gentleman called upon Dr. Ratcliffe wishing him to attend his wife immediately, for she was dangerously sick; but the Doctor did not incline to leave his bottle, whereupon the gentleman took Ratcliffe upon his back and carried him out of the tavern. "Now, you rascal, I'll cure your wife in revenge," said the Doctor, and he kept his word.

DR. JOHNSON.

Dr. Johnson said to a lady who turned him out a cup of very weak tea, "Madam, I presume you think you have been making tea; but in my opinion you have only been making water."

A CHERRY.

Mr. A. Cherry having been wronged by a person who requested an accommodation of him; replied, Sir, you shall not have two bites at *A. Cherry*.

A KNAVE.

"I believe all mankind knaves," said a man sitting in a stage coach. A passenger immediately replied, "whether your assertion be true or not, you have established your own character, in my opinion."

TECUMSEH.

An officer (who in a skirmish with a party of British and Indians, in the late war,) was severely wounded and unable to rise; two Indians rushed towards him to secure his scalp as their prey; one appeared to be a chief warrior and was clad in British uniform. The hatchet was uplifted to give the fatal blow—the thought passed his mind that some of the chiefs were *Masons*, and members of travelling Lodges in the British army: he gave a masonic sign—he stayed the arm of the savage warrior—the hatchet fell harmless to the ground—the Indian sprang forward—caught him in his arms, and the endearing title of *Brother* fell from his lips — It was Tecumseh.

SHERIDAN.

Sheridan's father was one day regretting that they were no longer styled O'Sheridan as they had been formerly. "Indeed father," replied the son, "we have no more right to O than any body else, but we owe every body."

CON AMORE.

A gentleman speaking of the marriage of lord D. with Miss F. expatiated con amore on the lady's beauty and *elegant form*, and praised as liberally the *good nature* of his lordship. "Then," said Butler Danvers, "the worst thing they could do was to marry. It will *spoil* the *shape* of the one, and the *temper* of the other."

NAT LEE.

Cibber says, that Lee "was so pathetic a reader of his own scenes, that I have been informed by an actor who was present, that while Lee was reading to Major Mohun at a rehearsal, Mohun in the warmth of his admiration, threw down his part and said, unless I were able to play as well as you read it, to what purpose should I undertake it? and yet," continued Cibber, "this very author whose elocution raised such admiration in so capital an actor, when he attempted to be an actor himself soon quitted the stage, in an honest despair of ever making any profitable figure there." The part which he attempted, and failed in, was Duncan, in Sir William Davenant's alteration of Macbeth.

NELSON'S STEERSMAN.

When the baggage of Lady Hamilton was landed at Palermo, lord Nelson's coxswain was very active in conveying it to the ambassador's hotel. Lady Hamilton observed this, and presented the man with a moidore, saying, "now my friend, what will you have to drink?" "Why, please your honour," said the coxswain, "I am not thirsty." "But," said her ladyship, "Nelson's steersman must drink with me, so what will you take, a dram, a glass of grog, or a glass of punch." "Why," said Jack, "as I am to drink with your ladyship's honour, it would'nt be good manners to be backward, so I'll take the dram now, and will be drinking the glass of grog, while your ladyship is mixing the glass of punch."

WARM ALE.

A traveller calling at an inn, the landlord of which was very tenacious of his home-brewed ale, after sipping it, begged to have it warmed. "What, warm my ale!" exclaimed Boniface; "curse the stomach that won't warm the ale, say I." "And," cried the traveller. "Curse the ale that won't warm the stomach, say I."

THE SORCERER ACQUITTED

A fortune teller was arrested at his theatre of divination, in Paris, and carried before the tribunal of correctional police. "You know how to read the fortune?" said the President, a man of great wit, but too fond of a joke for a magistrate. "I do, M. le President," replied the sorcerer. "In this case," said the judge, "you know the judgement we intend to pronounce." "Certainly." "Well what will happen to you?" "Nothing." "You are sure of it." "You will acquit me." "Acquit you!" "There is no doubt of it." "Why?" "Because, Sir, if it had been your intention to condemn me, you would not have added irony to misfortune." The President, disconcerted, turned to his brother judges, and the sorcerer was acquitted.

ORIGIN OF DAVID'S SOW.

"As drunk as David's sow," a common saying, which took its rise from the following circumstance.—One David Lloyd, a Welshman, who kept an ale house at Hereford, had a living sow with six legs, which was much resorted to by the curious; he had a wife much addicted to drunkenness who having one day taken a cup too much, turned out the sow, and laid down to sleep herself sober in the sty. A company coming to see the sow, David ushered them to the sty, exclaiming, "there is a sow for you! did you ever see such another?" all the time supposing the sow had really been there; to which some of the company, seeing the state the woman was in, replied, "it was the drunkenest sow they had ever beheld." Hence arose the saying, "as drunk as David's sow."

A PROFITABLE CALL.

A divine about to change his cure mentioned the circumstance from the pulpit. At the conclusion of the service, an old negro addressed him, and after lament-

ing his intended removal, asked the occasion of it. The parson replied "he had a divine call." The negro, suspecting there was a more substantial reason for the change than the reason assigned, enquired and learned that the priest gave up a living of 200*l.* per year for one of double that sum; on which he exclaimed, "Ah, Massa! If God had called you till ne was blind, from 400*l.* to 200*l.* you no go, Massa!"

HENRY CLAY.

A few years since, shortly after the agitation of the famous compensation bill in Congress, Mr. Clay, who voted in favour of this bill, upon returning home to his constituents, found a formidable opposition arrayed against his re-election. After addressing the people from the hustings, previous to the opening of the poll, he stepped down into the crowd, where he met an old and influential friend of his, named Scott, one of the first settlers of Kentucky, and of course, in his younger days, a great huntsman. This gentleman stepping up, addressed Mr. Clay as follows—"Well, well, Harry, I've been with you in six troubles; I am sorry I must now desert you in the seventh; you have voted for that miserable compensation bill; I must now turn my back upon you." "Is it so friend Scott? Is this the only objection?" "It is." "We must get over it the best way we can." "You are an old hunstman?" "Yes." "You have killed many a fat bear and buck?" "Yes." "I believe you have a very good rifle?" "Yes, as good a one as ever cracked." "Well, did you ever have a fine buck before you, when your gun snapped?" "The like of that has happened." "Well now, friend Scott, did you take that faithful rifle and break it all to pieces on the very next log you came to, or did you pick the flint and try it again?" The tear stood in the old man's eyes. The chord was touched. "No, Harry, I picked the flint, and tried her again; and I'll try you again; give us your hand." We need scarcely say that the welkin rung with the huzzaing plaudits of the by-standers. Clay was borne off to the hustings and re-elected

A DEEP WELL.

The modern system of boring for water, when wells are to be sunk carries very deep indeed; but it appears that the old practice of digging, when duly persisted in, was capable of going deeper still. As a proof of this, a French author (in the *Traits dc Verite!*) relates an instance where labourers had been employed for several months in digging a well, without finding water; and, at length, after getting through various strata, they came to a broad, flat, whitish stone. Upon this they struck for a considerable time, until, as they were wondering at its extreme hardness, one of the workmen fancied that he heard voices somewhere beneath. This was actually the fact; for they had, without knowing it, reached the Antipodes; and upon listening between the blows of the pick-axe, they could plainly distinguish the voices of women, crying to one another to "come and take the clothes in, for it would soon rain," as they heard the thunder

AN INGENIOUS ROGUE.

Perhaps for ingenuity, the following trick, played by a Russian in Moscow, could not be surpassed in London or Paris. A respectable looking man fell senseless in the street from a fit, when a person in the crowd started forward, exclaiming, "Oh! my master, my poor master!" He now very cooly transferred the contents of the unfortunate gentleman's pockets into his own, not forgetting his watch; and then with all the concern imaginable, requested the persons near him to watch his poor master while he ran to procure an equipage to convey him home. On being observed to pass a coach-stand without stopping, the cheat was detected; but it was too late, for he contrived to get clear off with his booty.

A LONG LIFE.

A French nobleman being very ill, and deeply in debt, said to his confessor, that all he presumed to solicit of

heaven was, that he might live to pay all his debts. The confessor believing his penitence to be sincere, said, that as his design was so just and laudable, there was reason to hope that his prayer would be granted. "Should heaven be so gracious," said the sick man, turning to one of his oldest friends, "I shall certainly *live forever.*"

DR. JOHNSON.

To a person who regretted to the celebrated Dr. Samuel Johnson, that he had not been a clergyman, because he considered the life of a clergyman an easy and comfortable one, the Doctor made this reply:—"The life of a conscientious clergyman is not easy; I have always considered a clergyman as the father of a larger family than he is able to maintain. No, Sir, I do not envy a clergyman's life as an easy life, nor do I envy the clergyman who makes it an easy life."

LAUGHABLE ANECDOTE OF HANDEL.

Handel whose divine compositions seem to have proceeded from a heart glowing with the fire of a seraph, was, notwithstanding, what some would call rather a gross mortal, since he placed no small happiness in good eating and drinking. Having received a present of a dozen of superior champaigne, he thought the quantity too small to present to his friends; and therefore preserved the delicious nectar for a *private use.* Sometime after, when a party was dining with him, he longed for a glass of his choice champaigne, but could not easily think of a device for leaving the company. On a sudden he assumed a musing attitude, and striking his forehead with his fore finger, exclaimed, "I have got one *tought!* I have got one *tought!*" (meaning *thought.*) The company imagining that he had gone to commit to paper some divine idea, saw him depart with silent admiration. He returned to his friends, and very soon had a second, third, and fourth "*tought.*" A wag suspecting the frequency of St. Cecilia's visits,

followed Handel to an adjoining room, saw him enter a closet, embrace his beloved champaigne, and swallow repeated doses. The discovery communicated infinite mirth to the company, and *Handel's tought* became proverbial.

STRONG GROG.

A venerable but eccentric member of the presbytery, lately in attempting to get into the packet-boat, fell into the canal. He was drawn out, half drowned, and conveyed to a house in the neighbourhood, where he was put to bed. "Will ye take some spirits and water, Sir?" asked his considerate host. "Na, na! I have had plenty o' water for ane day; I'll take the spirits alone."

TOAD EATING.

A viceroy of Ireland asked one of his guests at a public dinner, why there were no toads in Ireland? to which he replied, "Because there are so many *toad eaters.*"

VICE VERSA.

A Frenchman once asked what difference there was between M. de Rothschild, the loan broker and Herod? "It is," he was told, "that Herod was the King of the Jews, and Rothschild the Jew of the Kings."

A STANDARD RULE.

An officer and a lawyer talking of a disastrous battle, the former was lamenting the number of brave officers who fell on the occasion, when the lawyer observed, "those who live by the sword must die by the sword." "By a similar rule," answered the officer, "those who live by the law must die by the law."

NAUTICAL REASONING.

A sailor being about to sail for India, a citizen asked him where his father died. "In shipwreck." "And, where did your grandfather die?" "As he was fishing, a storm arose, and he, with his companions perished." "And your great grandfather?" "He also perished from shipwreck." "Then if I were you, I would never go to sea." "Pray Mr. Philosopher, where did your father die?" "My father, grandfather and great grandfather died in bed." "Then if I were you," retorted the son of Neptune, "I would never go to bed."

ORIGIN OF THE SLAVE TRADE.

The slave trade originated in a feeling of humanity: Barthelemi de las Casas, Bishop of Chiapa in Peru, witnessing the dreadful cruelties of the Spaniards to the Indians, exerted his eloquence to prevent it. He returned to Spain, pleaded the cause of the Indians before the Emperor Charles V. in person, and suggested that their place as labourers might be supplied by negroes from Africa, who were then considered as descendants of Cain, under the proscription of their Maker, and fit only for beasts of burden. The Emperor accordingly, made regulations in favor of the Indians; and consented to the slavery of the African negroes, by which the American Indians were freed from the cruelty of the Spaniards.

THE ADULTEROUS BIBLE.

In the reign of Charles the first, the company of Stationers to whom the printing of the Bible was granted by a patent, made a very remarkable blunder in their first edition; for instead of "Thou shalt *not* commit adultery," they printed off a great number of copies, "Thou shalt commit adultery." Archbishop Laud as soon as the error was discovered, caused the company to be prosecuted in the Star Chamber, where a considerable fine was levied upon them for their negligence

IMITATORS.

When the bishop of St. Asaph was sitting to Sir Joshua Reynolds, the conversation happening to turn on Garrick, the Bishop asked him, how it was that Garrick had not been able to make any excellent players with all his instructions? and Sir Joshua's answer was, "partly because they all imitated him, and then it became impossible, as this was like a man's resolving always to go behind another, and whilst this resolution lasts it renders it impossible he should ever be on a par with him."

ORIGIN OF GROG.

The British sailors had always been accustomed to drink their allowance of Brandy or rum clear, till Admiral Vernon ordered those under his command to mix it with water. The innovation gave great offence to the sailors, and, for a time, rendered the commander very unpopular among them. The admiral, at the time, wore a grogram great coat, for which reason they nicknamed him Old Grog. Hence by degrees, the mixed liquor he constrained them to, universally obtained among them the name of "Grog."

SAFE SIDE.

During the riots in 1780, most persons in London, in order to save their houses from being burnt or pulled down, wrote on the doors, "*No Popery!*" Old Grimaldi, to avoid all mistakes, wrote on his, "*No Religion.*"

A RICH WOMAN.

At a ball, given by the City of Paris, to Bonaparte, was a Madame Cardon. The Corsican, in general, was not very fond of people who had become rich by any

means but his own favor. He had never seen Madame Cardon, whose name even he had never known before; but he had been told, that her husband was possessed of great wealth. He walked towards her with a peevish sort of air, and said to her very abruptly—'*Are you Madame Cardon?*' She made a profound courtesy to this question. Bonaparte continued his discourse. '*You are very rich?*'—'*Yes Sir,*' she replied, '*I have ten children.*' Bonaparte, struck with the delicate force of this reply, walked away quickly.

A BROAD HINT AND A PROPER REBUKE.

At a social entertainment some stories too wonderful to be true were related by one of the company. A pause occurring in the conversation, another individual of the party commenced by saying: "Gentlemen I will now tell my tale. In a village lived a butcher, who had the curiosity one day to view the adjacent country from the top of the church steeple, and, for that purpose, he was escorted by the clerk of the parish. Soon after they had reached the top, the bells began to ring, which caused the steeple to rock from one side to the other with such velocity, that the butcher, unable to bear the effect, (which completely addled his brains,) leaped from the top; but reflecting on the risk he ran in alighting, he suddenly drew his knife from its sheath, stuck it in the wall, and there hung dangling by it like a hat on a peg, till some persons having obtained a ladder, lifted him down." "That must be a lie!" exclaimed the person who before amused the company so much. "And, pray what have you been telling all the evening?" said the other The first speaker was confounded.

JOHN WESLEY'S CHARITY.

Wesley contrived to give away more money in charity out of a small income, than any man perhaps of his time. His mode as related by himself, was this,—

when he had 30*l.* a year, he lived on 28*l.* and gave away forty shillings: the next year receiving sixty pounds, still lived on twenty eight and gave away the balance. The third year he received 90*l.* and gave away 62*l.*; the fourth year he received 128*l.* and gave to the poor, 92*l.* and so on to the end of the chapter On a moderate calculation, he gave away in about fifty years, twenty or thirty thousand pounds.

MACKLIN.

Macklin going to insure some property, was asked by the clerk how he would have his name entered; "Entered!" replied M.: "why I am only plain Charles Macklin, a vagabond by act of parliament: but in compliment to the times, you may set me down Charles Macklin, Esquire, as they are now synonymous terms."

DESCENT.

Francis First, having asked Castelan, Bishop of Orleans, whether he was of noble extraction, "Sire," replied he, "Noah had three sons in the ark, I cannot say from which of them I descended."

KEMBLE.

When Kemble was rehearsing the romance, sung by Richard, in the play of Richard Cœur de Lion: Shaw, the leader of the band, called out from the orchestra, 'Mr. Kemble, my dear Mr. Kemble, you are murdering time.' Kemble, calmy and cooly taking a pinch of snuff, said, 'My dear sir, it is better for me to murder time at once, than be constantly beating him as you do.'

ROYAL BON MOT.

There is abroad a Royal Bon-Mot, which, strange to say, has not found its way into the newspapers. The king, on hearing some one declare that Moore had murdered Sheridan, observed: "I won't say that Mr. Moore has *murdered* Sheridan, but he has certainly *attempted his life.*"

AUTHENTIC ANECDOTE OF A MONKEY.

A highly gifted Nobleman was struck at Freemark Fair with a peculiar waggishness in the expression of a common Monkey, and immediately purchased him—Pug was carried on board his yacht, and made fast in his cabin. The day was very hot. The Marquis, having exerted himself with rowing, and in working his vessel, had thrown aside his neckcloth, and unbuttoned his shirt collar; being an absent man, he sat down in this unfashionable trim to eat some hot chops and potatoes. Pug had dexterously managed to divide the cord which fastened him, and having cast a longing eye on the viands spread before his lordship, made a spring to the centre of the table, seizing, as he past, a smoking hot potatoe, which, with great quickness and address, he popped down the back of his lordship's neck with one paw, while he seized the chops on his plate with the other, and skipped off with his prize up the companion ladder, and was soon safe in the rigging, while the Marquis was hallooing and dancing, with a burning hot potatoe down his back.

Every body has heard of Irish Bulls, but it is seldom we have a genuine blunder of this sort, on as good authority as the following. In 1808, the present Captain Woolsey, the late Captain Gamble, and Mr. James Cooper, of New-York, then all of the navy, with the late Col. Chrystie, and Col. Gardner, of the army, formed one mess, at Oswego, on Lake Ontario. The servant of Colonel (then Ensign) Gardner, was an Irish lad of

about twenty, who was known in the mess by the name of *Sligo*. On one occasion, when the gentlemen were drinking their tea, the fire fell down, and a coal lodged in a large crack, where it soon produced a blaze. 'Put out the fire, Sligo,' said one of the gentlemen. The lad seized the tea-kettle, in haste; but when he had it over the fire, he suspended his operations, though every feature in his face expressed doubt, anxiety, and zeal. 'Put out the fire!' cried the head of the mess, in a voice of thunder. The poor boy wished to obey, but his brain was on fire itself. He thought he saw instantaneous destruction in the act. The dry shingle edifice was in flames before his mind's eye, and forgetful of his customary obedience, he ventured to expostulate: he cried in a tone of awful remonstrance—"The water's warm, Sir!"

SELF DEFENCE.

A stout old farmer, not distinguished for his courage, while travelling on the Norristown road, just before day, on horseback, heard some one running on foot after him and crying "Hilloo!—stop!" The old gentleman concluded he was a dead man. His horse, like himself, had no courage, for to run away was an attempt far beyond his powers, and too desperate a measure for a Rozinante which has long since declined into the vale of years. The farmer making a virtue of necessity dismounted, and the moment his pursuer reached him, began laying about him with his whip on the head and back of the other, with a vigior which did him credit, but which no doubt, was the result of his terror. Accompanying his operations with obstreperous cries of "Murder! thieves! fire! the devil! help!" it was not until he had expended all his force and strength, that he discovered that he had been beating a messenger who had been sent after him—his own flesh and blood in the shape of—*his son.*

EXECUTIONS.

When Major-General Harrison was hanged, for being one of the Judges of Charles I., the rope broke, and the undaunted regicide, previous to being tied up again, struck the hangman a sound box on the ear for his negligence. A more wonderful, though less tragical instance of audacity, took place in Cork some years ago, where a tailor was hanged, but animation restored by the exertions of Glover, a player, at that time performing at Cork Theatre. The first use the incorrigible rogue made of his revivification was to get very drunk, in which state he went to the Theatre, where Glover was performing that evening, and from the gallery thanked him for his exertions in his behalf, to the great astonishment of the audience, and dismay of the actor.

A TRIFLING ERROR.

In a prohibitory injunction painted on the watch-box stationed on the middle of Waterloo-bridge, the painter has, unintentionally, of course, left out the letter *g* in the word *bridge*, making the notice to read thus—"It is requested that no nuisance may be committed on the Bride."

A HEARTY COCK.

A curious circumstance is related of the *Colossus*, at the battle of Trafalgar, in which she suffered so severely. In the heat of the action, one of the hen coops being shot away, on the poop, a cock flew on the shoulder of Captain Morris, then severely wounded; and, as if his pugnacious spirit had been roused by the furious conflict he witnessed, flapped his wings and crowed lustily in that situation, to the no small encouragement of the seamen; who, determined not to be outdone by the gallant little biped, swore he was true game, and giving him three cheers, continued the engagement with redoubled alacrity.

A WAGER.

One of those idlers who live by practicing upon the simplicity of the farmers who frequent Smithfield, went to an inn, where he saw a farmer with a tankard of mulled wine. He entered into conversation with him, boasted of the many extraordinary things he could do, and among others, declared he could drink exactly a wine glass full out of a tankard. The farmer expressed some doubts; when, to prove it, the fellow said, "I do not like to bet much, but I will lay you a penny I do it." The wager was accepted. The fellow swallowed the whole contents of the tankard, then very coolly said to his dupe, "I own Sir, I have lost the wager, here is my penny."

RETORT COURTEOUS.

During the time of the persecution of the protestants in France, the English ambassador demanded of Louis XIV. the release of those who had been condemned to the gallies on account of religion. "What would the King of England say," answered Louis, "If I were to desire him to set free the prisoners in Newgate?" "Sir," replied the ambassador, "His Majesty would undoubtedly comply if you claimed them as your brothers!"

EQUALITY.

It is a current story, that a doctor, having purchased his diploma, *in the course of a ride through Aberdeen*, desired his man John when waiting at dinner, not to forget his new dignity, when ever he addressed him. "Noa maister," replied John "if so be as how you don't forget mine;" showing him at the same time his doctor's degree, which he had purchased in imitation of his master.

PUN.

Two gentlemen were passing the late residence of Chief Justice Tilghman the day after the workmen commenced pulling it down. One remarked, in reference to the progress they had made, "how they have *gutted* the building already!" "Gutted it," replied the other, "true, the *liver* went out yesterday, and they are taking out the *lights* to-day."

UNACCEPTABLE GRATITUDE.

Capt. ——— (we spare his name,) was walking last Wednesday in company with the Marquis of Angleasea, down Piccadilly, when he was accosted by a fellow, half soldier, half beggar, with a most reverential military salute. "God bless your honour! (said the man whose accent betrayed him to be Irish,) and long life to you." "How do you know me?" said the captain. "Is it how do I know your honour; (responded Pat,) good right sure I have, to know the man who spared my life in battle." The captain highly gratified at this tribute to his valor in such hearing, slid half a crown into his hand, and asked him when? "God bless your honour and long life to you (said the grateful veteran) sure it was at New-Orleans, when, seeing your honour run away as hard as your legs could carry you from the Yankees, I followed your lead, and ran after you out of the way; whereby, under God, I saved my life. Oh! good luck to your honour, I never will forgat it to you."—*London paper.*

FLIP.

A Frenchman, stopping at a tavern, asked for Jacob: 'There is no such person here,' said the landlord. ''Tis not any person I want sare; but de beer make warm wid de poker.'—'Well,' answered the landlord, 'that is flip.' 'Ah! yes sare, you are in the right: I mean *Philip.*'

CITY HABITS

A gentleman from Boston, on a visit to his friend in the country, speaking of the times, observed that his wife had lately expended $50 for a habit: his friend replied, 'here in the country we don't allow our wives to *get into such habits.*'

THE EFFECT OF FEAR.

The late Rev. O. Manning was twice laid out for interment, and afterwards revived. In the second instance, a poor old woman watching, heard a slight noise, and to her horror and astonishment, saw the head of the supposed corpse raised and looking at her; she immediately rushed down stairs in her fright, fell, broke her leg, a mortification ensued, and died in a few days.

JOHN P. KEMBLE.

Once when this celebrated performer played Hamlet, at a country theatre, the person who played Guildenstern was, or imagined himself to be, a great musician. During the performance, Hamlet asked him, "Will you play upon this pipe?" "My lord, I cannot. Believe I cannot." "I do beseech you." On this the man said, "*Well if your lordship insists upon it, I shall do as well as I can,*" and to the confusion of Kemble and the amusement of the audience, he began to play "God, save the king."

COOKE.

Two professed critics in the new world, without invitation, intruded upon G. F. Cooke when in Boston, and commented with freedom upon the Tragedian's personation of Richard. "Gentlemen," said the veteran, "if you wish to have a correct acquaintance with the drama. unlearn what you have learned. Here, John,"

said he to his servant, "*take a candle and a-light it at both ends, then show the Yankee critics down stairs.*"

MILITIA.

During the Embargo, a debate was had in the general Assembly of Pennsylvania, upon the expediency of a new organization of the Militia; during which, a member from one of the German shires, exclaimed, "Mr. Speaker, me tink de Militia mit do mit de drums and vifes, mitout de organs."

FALSE CONCEPTION.

Mr. Addison in the House of Commons, three times attempted to make a speech upon an important question and each time exclaimed, "I conceive, Mr. Speaker," and as often failed, after which a member opposite, rose and observed, "that he regretted exceedingly that his friend on the other side of the House, had *conceived three times and brought forth nothing.*"

WILD OATS.

After the first speech made by the younger Pitt in the House of Commons, an old member remarked, "that he apprehended the young gentleman had not sown all his *wild oats.*" To which Mr. Pitt observed in the course of an elaborate and eloquent rejoinder, "That age has its privilege—the gentleman himself affords an ample illustration, that I yet retain food for *geese* to pick."

BONAPARTE.

It was remarked that Bonaparte's enmity to the *Press* proved him a "*friend* to *Locke* on the *Human Understanding.*"

DAY AND NIGHT.

A fellow found guilty of burglary before justice DAY, in Ireland, observed "that his fate was singular, as he lost by *Day* what he got by *Night*."

NUT CRACKER.

One December night, or rather morning, Mr. Mungo Mackay gave a thundering rap at the door of Mr. Jonathan Nutt, who, benumbed with cold, opened his casement, and commenced the following dialogue.

N. What do you want?
M. Does Mr. Nutt live here?
N. Yes Sir!
M. Mr. Jonathan Nutt?
N. Yes Sir!
M. I wish to speak with him.
N. My name is Nutt.
M. Is your name *Jonathan* Nutt?
N. Yes Sir, what is your wish?
M. If your name be Jonathan Nutt may the Devil *crack* you! Good Night.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY.

After an eloquent and pathetic discourse upon the doctrine of total depravity, a zealous member of the church thinking he might contribute towards the reformation of a volatile young man near him, endeavored to apply the observations of the preacher to his case, and with tears in his eyes, admonished him for his vices. "Sir," said the young man, "I apprehend that the theory taught in this house will not be applicable to me, for I *belong to another parish*."

WHOLESALE.

"How shall I sell my horse?" said a certain Doctor to a Jockey, "his tail came off in less than six hours

after I bought him." "Sell him by *wholesale* for no honourable man will *re*-tail him," was the reply.

TO LET.

A gentleman informed by a bill on the window of a a house, that "*apartments were to let*," knocked at the door, and attended by a pretty female, took a survey of the premises. "Pray, my dear," said he smiling, "are *you to be let* with these lodgings?" "No," replied the Fille de Chambre with vivacity, "but I am to be *let alone*."

AN EXPLANATION.

A princess of Hungary once asked a monk, who was a scholar and a wit, to explain to her the story of Balaam and his ass: adding, "good father, I can hardly believe that an ass should be so talkative." "Madam," replied the father, "your scruples may cease, when you are informed it was a *female*."

SAVING OF FUEL.

Not long since, stoves were offered for sale in Boston, which the seller remarked "would save *half* the fuel." Mr. W. being present, observed, "Sir, I will buy *two* of them, and then I shall save the *whole !*"

A PAIR OF SPECTACLES.

A man about to be executed, pointing to his companion who was swinging, observed to the multitude, "you there see a spectacle, directly I shall be hanged, and then you can view a *pair of spectacles*."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Pedantic English traveller, boasting that he had been so fortunate as to escape Mr. Jefferson's celebrated non-importation law, was told by a Boston lady that he was a lucky man, for she understood that the non-importation law prohibited the importation of goods of which *brass* was the chief composition.

SEEING A WIND.

"I never *saw* such a wind in all my life," said a man during a severe storm, as he entered a tavern.—"*Saw* a wind," observed another, "What did it *look* like."—"Like! like to have blown my hat off," was the reply

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

Miss B. a dashing Cyprian, in dancing, fell flat on her back—one of her favourites, while helping her up, observed, "never mind it my dear, *practice makes perfect.*"

REASON FOR DROWNING.

A gentleman asked another how his friend who was involved in debt, came to drown himself.—"*Because he could not keep his head above water,*" was the reply

SATISFACTION.

A ruined debtor having done his utmost to satisfy his creditors, said to them, "Gentlemen, I have been extremely perplexed till now how to satisfy you: but having done my utmost endeavour, I shall leave you to satisfy yourselves."

A COURTEZAN'S PRIVILEGE.

"Give to a courtezan," says Mr. Addison, "a tolerable pair of eyes to set up with, and she will make bosom, lips, cheeks, and eyebrows by her own industry."

LONG ENOUGH.

A man upon the verge of Bankruptcy, who purchased an elegant coatee upon credit, when told by an acquaintance that the cloth was beautiful, but the coat was too short, replied, "it will be *long enough* before I get another."

A COBBLER'S END

A great crowd being gathered about a poor cobler, who had just died in the street; a man asked another what was to be seen. "Only *a cobbler's end*," returned he.

HABIT.

"How did that girl passing the bottom of School-street, obtain the elegant and costly habit she has on?" said S. "She obtained it cheap and by *a bad habit*," replied H.

A FULL SPOUSE.

Mr. H. declared that his wife had five fulls—"That she was beautiful, dutiful, youthful, plentiful and an *arm-full*."

G F. COOKE.

Shortly after Cooke arrived in America, he was one evening in company with a number of actors whom he

bored outrageously. "Mr. H*****," said he, "what do you know of the stage—you are no actor, although the applause you receive from the Yankees makes you think yourself one." From the woe-begone appearance of the young thespian, the tragedian thought he had proceeded too far, and endeavouring to heal the wound he had inflicted, rose with tears in his eyes and observed, "What I said was in jest—I hold your professional talents in high estimation, and now freely make the acknowledgment." H. burst out in a loud laugh and exclaimed—"you old quiz, will you again say that I am *no actor*."

FLYING REPORT.

A quaker was asked if Guille would ascend in his balloon? "Friend," said he, "I do not meddle with *flying* reports."

THE WIDOW'S RIGHT.

Mr. H——, well known for the depth of his understanding; gravely declared in a large circle, "that no woman should be married, *except she be a widow*."

"S. P. Q. A."

"S P Q A," was the motto over the stage doors of the Federal Street Theatre, (Boston,) during the management of Snelling Powell, who seldom appeared on the boards.—Mr. Caulfield when rehearsing a part with him, approached the stage door and pointing to the motto explained it thus, "Snelling Powell Quarterly Actor."

TENOR AND BASS.

It was said of a certain *musical* dancing master, that the whole *tenor* of his life had been *base*.

I HOLD MY OWN.

C. B. who was very fat, being accosted by a man to whom he owed money, with a how d'ye? answered "pretty well—I hold my own"—"and mine too, to my sorrow," rejoined the man.

HEAD QUARTERS.

An officer being *intoxicated*, an old soldier observed that he was afraid there was something wrong at *head quarters.*"

AN ACCOMMODATING DOCTOR.

A physician advertised that, at the request of his friends he had removed near the church yard, and trusted that his removal would accommodate many of *his patients*

A CHECK.

Soon after the battle of Leipsic, a wit observed, "that Bonaparte must be in funds, for he had received a *check* on the *bank* of the *Elbe.*"

A DEAR WIFE.

Mr. D. told a relation that he had purchased a set of jewels for his dear wife, which cost $2000. "She is a *dear* wife indeed," was the reply.

READY WIT.

A boy having been praised for his quickness of re ply, a gentleman observed, "when children are so

keen in their youth, they are generally stupid when they advance in years." "What a very sensible boy you must have been sir," replied the child.

TASTE.

It was observed of a philosopher who was drowned in the Red sea, "that his taste would be suited, for he was a man of deep thinking, and always liked to go to the bottom."

INTRODUCTION.

A conceited fellow introducing his friend into company, said, "Gentlemen, I assure you he is not so great a fool as he seems." The gentleman immediately replied, "therein consists the difference between me and my friend."

LONG NIGHTS.

A grave old man told his son that if he did not grow less dissipated he would shorten his days. "Then dad," said the boy, "I shall lengthen my nights."

USE OF FALSEHOOD.

A jury who were directed to bring in a prisoner *guilty* upon his own confession and plea, returned a verdict of *not guilty*, and offered as a reason for their verdict, that they knew the fellow to be so great a liar they did not believe him.

FASHION.

"Why in such a hurry," said a man to an acquaintance. "Sir," said the man, "I have bought a *new*

bonnet for my wife, and fear the *fashion* may *change before I get home.*"

COOL RECEPTION.

The late John M****y on entering a cold room where there was no fire, expressed his astonishment "that a parishioner of his, should give him so *cool a reception.*"

A BOASTER SILENCED.

A person boasting that he sprung from a high and accomplished family, was much mortified when told by an old man present, that he had seen some of the gentleman's ancestors *dance between Heaven and Earth.*

NOTHING NEW.

A servant girl being one day much fatigued with her work, declared "that *men* ought to do *women's business;* and wished "that she was a *mistress* instead of what she was, for she was tired of being a *maid.*"

"CHARLESTOWN HOGS."

The inhabitants of Charlestown, (Mass.) have for many years past, been complimented with the name of "Hogs."—Wilson, the Boston crier, happening to cross Charles River Bridge on the 4th of July, was saluted by a cluster of Charlestown men, with "W——n you are out of your latitude—do you not dine in Boston, to-day?" "No," he replied, "I do not like the bill of fare on the other side the river, for there, they have but two pigs for fifty persons, while *here, you have a pig to every plate.*"

MAN FLY.

A few years ago a Mr. Packard advertised that he would fly from Boston Common on a public day.—On the afternoon of that day, a man accosted an acquaintance, on his way from the Common, with "Sir, have you seen the *man fly?*" "No sir, but I have seen a *horse-fly*," he replied.

WOMEN.

A Scots minister contended in the pulpit, that women never entered heaven, upon the ground, that as St. John in the Revelation, says, "there was *silence* in Heaven for the space of half an hour;" it was unreasonable to suppose that women were there, for they would not remain so long *without talking*.

TRIFLING AFFAIR.

"What are you looking at from the window," said judge P*****s to his son.—"At two men wrestling," said the boy. "That's a *try-fling* affair," observed the father.

HALF A REPORT.

"How this world is inclined to slander," said a maiden lady to an English nobleman—"Can you believe it sir,—some of my malicious acqaintances reported that I had twins." "Madam, I make it a rule to *believe* only *half* what I hear!" replied his lordship.

A LUDICROUS MISTAKE.

At a town-meeting in Malden, not many years ago, the Rev. Mr. G—— put a wrong vote into the ballot

box, after which the result of the balloting was declared in due form, as follows:

Whole number of Votes given in for Town Clerk, - - - - - -	* * *
Necessary to a choice - - - -	* * *
Mr. —— has - - - - - -	* * *
Mrs. —— asks prayers for her husband gone to sea - - - - -	

A PUN.

Mr. Addison once bet that he could make the worst pun that ever was made, and immediately went up to a man carrying a hare in his hand, and said to him, "*Is that your hare or a wig.*"

A GOOD ANSWER.

A clergyman in the cupola of the State House in Boston, observing captain W****** at work on the outside of the dome, said to him, "Sir you are now in a dangerous situation—I trust you have made your *peace* with your Heavenly Father?" "I never was at *war* with *Him*," responded the gallant captain.

GOOD BUSINESS.

As a broker was folding some bank bills, a wag observed—"You must grow rich fast for I perceive *you* readily *double your money.*"

SPECTACLES.

A fellow applied to an optician in Washington-street, for a pair of spectacles, and after having tried

several, said he could not read with them. "Could you ever read?" inquired the optician, "No." said the fellow, "If I could, do you think me so great an ass as to wish to wear glasses."

POLITICAL PUN.

A Vermont man named his daughter *Embargo*, upon which it was observed, that "so long as she retained that name, all commerce with her will be prohibited."

YEARS OF DISCRETION.

When lady Wallace was in company with a large party, and the conversation turned upon the time at which the canon law of Paphas forbids a female to tell her own age, she applied to David Hume, who had sat without speaking for some time, with, "Pray Mr. Justice Silence, when I am asked what is *my age*, what answer shall I give." "Say madam" replied he "what I believe will be the truth, that *you are not yet come to years of discretion.*"

FIRST DISCOVERY.

A gentleman praising the personal charms of a very plain woman—Foote whispered him "why don't you lay claim to such an accomplished beauty"—"What right have I to her," said the other, "Every right by the law of nations, as the *first discoverer*," replied F.

CRYING.

"My wife died last night, and I can't *cry* to-day," observed a town crier to one of his customers.

COQUETTE.

A coquette has been compared to those *light* wines, which every body *tastes*, and nobody *buys*.

AN IRISHMAN'S ANSWER.

An Irish counsellor, being questioned by a Judge, to know for whom he was concerned, replied, "I am *concerned* for the plaintiff, but am *employed* by the defendant."

AN AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND.

Two farmers lately met in the street and after the usual salutations—one said, "now 'tis so fine weather I hope every thing will come out of the earth"—"except my wife who was buried ten days ago," the other immediately replied.

VALUE OF LAND.

During the sale of some land in London, it was remarked, that one foot (Miss Foote) of Covent Garden cost Mr. Hayne $12,000.

A PROFITABLE TEMPEST.

When Isaiah Thomas printer of the Farmer's Almanack, was called upon by a printer's devil to know what he should put against the 13th July, Mr. T. replied, "any thing," upon which the boy set "rain, hail and snow," at which the country was amazed, but it so happened that it actually rained, hailed and snowed on that day, and proved a profitable storm to the proprietor of the Almanack for the future numbers.

A FALSE REPORT.

When Mr. *Alexander* GUN was dismissed from the Customs of Edinburgh, the entry made against his name in the books was "A GUN discharged for making a *false report.*"

CURIOUS LABEL.

Label upon a bottle (containing wine) in the Columbian Museum, Boston:

"*This is the* WINE *that Green* DRANK, *and the* BOTTLE *that was* EXECUTED *for* HIGHWAY ROBBERY."

A MODEST REQUEST.

A poor fellow applied to a lady to use her influence to procure him a place in a hospital, when she observed "that she subscribed to the lying in hospital only," upon which the mendicant remarked, "that was the very place he wished to be in, as for several nights past he had been obliged to lay out of doors."

A TENDER MAID.

Sir William Garrow, when at the Bar, was endeavouring by the examination of an old woman, to prove the tender of a debt before the action was brought, which would have been fatal to the plaintiff.—The old lady, however, was too wary, and nothing satisfactory could be elicited from her. The Master Jekyl (then also at the Bar) observed this wordy war, and taking up a strip of paper, wrote upon it, and handed it to Garrow, who immediately sat down laughing immoderately at the lines on the paper, which were these:

"Garrow forbear, that tough old jade
Will never prove a *tender made.*"

HONEY MOON.

Among the fashionables, a coach-maker remarked, that a *sociable* was all the ton during the honey moon and a *sulkey* ever after.

SPARKS.

A lady at a card table had her ruffles take fire, lord Littleton, intending to be witty said, "he did not think her ladyship so apt to take fire." "Nor am I" said the lady "from such a *spark as you.*"

RANK.

A French nobleman in dispute, observed to an officer, Sir, remember what *you are* and what *I* am," to which the soldier replied, "If you go to that my lord, I am an officer, and you are what your wife's influence with the king has made you—a nobleman and a *cuckold.*"

MORTIFICATION.

An Englishman being left alone with Richardson, observed to him, "he was happy to pay his respects to the author of Sir Charles Grandison, for at Paris and at the Hague and in fact, at every place I have visited it is much admired." Richardson appeared not to notice the compliment, but when all the company were assembled, addressed the gentleman with, "Sir I think you were saying something about Sir Charles Grandison." "No sir," replied he, "I do not remember ever to have heard it mentioned."

COOKING LAMB.

After a pugilistic contest between *Jo Cook* a tailor, and *Tom Lamb*, a spectator observed that the victor

was an excellent *cook* and *tailor*, for he had well *basted Lamb*.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE OF NAMES.

The *Terrible* man of war was built in Execution Dock—the Captain's name was *Death*, and the first and second Lieutenants, *Blood* and *Fury*.

A GOOD DUCK.

A captain of a ship said to a sailor who fell overboard that morning, "you have had but an indifferent breakfast"—"not so bad" replied the tar, "for I have had a *good duck*."

LAWYER'S MISTAKE.

When the regulations of West Boston Bridge were drawn up by two famous lawyers—one section was written, accepted, and now stands thus:—"And the said proprietors shall meet annually on the first Tuesday of June, provided the same does not fall on Sunday."

NEWS-PAPER EFFECT.

Cummyns a Quaker declared on his death bed to Dr. Johnson, "that the pain of an anonymous letter, written in some of the common prints of the day, fastened in his heart, and produced his sickness," which was slow fever, of which he *died*.

TAVERNS.

A moralist observes "that at taverns, madness is sold by the bottle."

A SINGULAR ORDER.

A gentleman in the country wrote to his friend in Petersburgh "to procure a *still maid* that would work *thirty six gallants.*"

THE KING'S EVIL.

A student of medicine from Boston, while attending lectures in London, observed that "the *king's evil* had been but little known in the U. States since the *Revolution.*"

THE USE OF HORNS.

An officer in France being in danger of losing his place, was restored to favour by his wife's influence: whereupon it was remarked "that the distinguished individual saved himself by his *horns.*"

A GET OFF.

Henry the fourth was instigated to propose war against the Protestants by the importunity of his parliament, and declared that he would make every member a *captain of a company*, in the army, whereupon the proposal was unanimously negatived.

A HARD BARGAIN.

A genteel looking fellow bargained with a London shop-keeper for as much lace as would reach from one of his ears to the other, for a mere trifle—the fellow put down the money, saying, "one ear is here—the other is nailed to the pillory in Bristol. I fear you have not so much by you, therefore I will take what you have on the counter, and trust that the rest will be provided with all possible expedition."

THE EFFECT OF LOVE.

Abraham Hoffman, says a quaint author of anatomy on melancholy, relates, out of Plato, that Empedocles, the philosopher, was present at the *cutting up* of one that *died for love*. His heart was combust, his liver *smoky*, his lungs dried up, insomuch that he verily believes his soul was either sod or roasted, through the vehemency of love's fire."

AN EASY BED.

Dr. Franklin in his Journal, says, that at Southampton Salt water baths, he fell asleep while floating on his back, and slept an hour by the watch, without turning over! *It is a very easy bed*, says he.

RASCALS.

A shop keeper was asked how he obtained the appellation of *little rascal*, and replied, "to distinguish me from the rest of the trade who are all *great rascals*.

HATCHING.

James the first would say to the lords of his council, when they sat upon any great matter, and came to him from council, "well you have *sat*, but what have you *hatched* ?"

OPENING THE CHEST.

Barrymore, happening to come late to the theatre, and having to dress for his part, was driven to the last moment, when to heighten his perplexity, the key of his drawer was missing—"D—n it," says he, "I must have swallowed it." "Never mind," replied Bannis-

ter, coolly, "If you have swallowed the key it will serve to *open your chest.*"

SPIRITS OF THE DEAD.

A visitor to Surgeon's Hall, lately remarked, when shown a number of dwarfs, &c. preserved in alcohol, "Well, I never thought that the *dead* could be in such spirits."

SUPPORTING A COMMISSION.

Major Hatch a few days after his commission was lost by the decision of a court martial, met C****s Hall (a second Falstaff,) in State Street, and enquired of him "how he supported his fat belly?" "Much better than you do your commission," replied Hall.

SLEEP.

A gentleman dined one day with a dull preacher. Dinner was scarcely over, before the gentleman fell asleep; but was awakened by the divine, and invited to go and hear him preach. "I beseech you, sir, excuse me, I can *sleep* very well where I am."

A LESSON FOR PHYSICIANS.

The beautiful Austrigilda, consort to Gonstan, king of Burgundy, in the sixth century, had been permitted by her husband, in compliance with her *dying request*, to have *her two physicians slain and buried with her*, whether by way of *punishment* or not, is uncertain.

AN EXCUSE.

A certain preacher having changed his religion, was much blamed by his friends for having deserted them

To excuse himself, he said "he had *seven reasons*," being asked what they were, replied, "*a wife and six children.*"

WHITFIELD.

Dr. Whitfield was accused of rambling in his discourses, by one of his hearers, to which he replied, "*If you will ramble to the devil, I must ramble after you.*"

REASON FOR MATRIMONY.

Cato the elder, when aged, buried his wife, and married a young woman. His son said to him, "What, have I offended, that you have brought a step-mother into your house." The old man answered, "Nay, quite the contrary, thou pleasest me so well, that I should be glad to have more such."

A USEFUL HINT.

A Sangrado practitioner observed to Dr. Small that "now men will not bear so much blood letting as formerly," to which the Dr. replied, "you know more of your profession *now* than you did *formerly.*"

THE USE OF A BEARD.

Zelim was the first of the Ottomans who shaved his beard. One of his bashaws asked him "why he altered the custom of his predecessors?" He answered, "Because you bashaws may not lead me by the beard as you did them"

EQUALITY.

When Lycurgus was to reform and alter the state of Sparta, one advised that it should be reduced to an absolute popular equality! "Sir, begin it in your own house observed the lawgiver."

PHILOSOPHICAL BEGGING.

Diogenes did beg more of a prodigal, than of the rest who were present. Whereupon one said to him, "See your baseness, that when you can find a liberal man you will take most from him." "No," said D. "but I intend to beg of the rest again."

AN IRISHMAN.

An Irish sailor, as he was riding, made a pause,—the horse in beating off the flies, caught his hind foot in the stirrup, the sailor observing it, exclaimed, "how now Dobbin, if you are going to *get on*, I will *get off*."

A WISE FATHER IN LAW.

A gentleman after complaining several times of his termagant wife, to her rich father, was told by the latter, that *in his will*, he would cut her off with a shilling, if she did not improve in her husband's opinion.

A STUDIOUS MAN.

The wife of a studious man went into his library when he was reading and wished that she was a book, for then he would be more attentive to her. "I wish you were an almanack," said he, because then I should have a new one every year."

EPIGRAM.

"Whatever is, is right," says Pope,
So said a sturdy thief;
But when his fate requir'd a rope,
He varied his belief.

I ask'd if still he held it good;
"Why, no," he sternly cried,
"Good texts are only understood
By being well applied."

TO A SEAMSTRESS.

O! what bosom but must yield,
When, like *Pallas*, you advance,
With a thimble for your shield,
And a needle for your lance?

Fairest of the stitching train,
Ease my passion by your art;
And in pity for my pain,
Mend the hole that's in my heart.

THE FORGETFUL MAN.

When Jack was poor, the lad was frank and free;
Of late he's grown brim full of pride and pelf;
No wonder why he don't remember me;
Why so? you see he has forgot himself.

A PRAYER TOO QUICKLY GRANTED.

With folded hands and lifted eyes,
"Have mercy heaven!" the parson cries,
And on our sun-burnt thirsty plains,
Thy blessing send in genial rains!"
The sermon ended and the prayers,
The parson to be gone prepares

When with a look of brighten'd smiles—
"Thank heaven, it rains," cries farmer Giles.—
"Rains," quoth the parson, "sure you joke,
Rain, heaven forbid, I've got no cloak"

TRUE WIT.

True wit is like the brilliant stone
Dug from Golconda's mine;
Which boasts two various powers in one,
To cut as well as shine.

Genius like that, if polish'd right,
With the same gifts abounds,
Appears at once both keen and bright,
And sparkles while it wounds.

OUT OF SPIRITS.

"Is my wife out of spirits!" said John with a sigh,
As her voice of a tempest gave warning;
"Quite out, sir, indeed," said her maid in reply,
'For she finish'd the bottle this morning."

INNOVATION.

When poor Maria first began
To sell her youthful charms to man,
Her lovely bosom then was made
The tempting symbol of her trade;

But since each virtuous blushing dame,
With modest care displays the same,
Maria, ere her trade decline,
Must shut up shop, or change her sign.

MATRIMONY.

Cries Nell to Tom, midst matrimonial strife,
"Curst be the hour I first became your wife."

" By all the powers, (said Tom) but that's too bad,
You've curs'd the only civil hour we've had."

THE BEST STOCK.

Money they say is evil's root,
But we may justly doubt it;
Can we expect good thriving fruit,
From any stock without it?

MODERN BELIEF.

What legions of fables and whimsical tales
Pass current for gospel where priest-craft prevails?
Our ancestors thus were most strangely deceiv'd;
What stories and nonsense for truth they believ'd;
But we, their wise sons, who these fables reject,
Even truth, now-a-days, are too apt to suspect;
From believing too much the right faith we let fall,
So now we believe—just nothing at all.

EPIGRAM.

Said Celia to Damon, " Can you tell me from whence,
I may know a coquette from a woman of sense?
Where the difference lies?" "yes," said Damon, "I can,
Every man courts the one, t'other courts every man."

THE RETREAT.

" Let's run, let's run," a soldier cries;
His captain heard, and thus replies—
" What, coward! would you run away
The moment we have gain'd the day?
Behold the foe have ceas'd to fire,
Their broken ranks with speed retire."
" Yes I perceive our foes retreat,
For speed, Newmarket could'nt match 'em;

I therefore do my words repeat—
Run, or by ——, you'll never catch 'em."
Burns.

THE HEN-PECKED HUSBAND.

Curst be the man, the poorest wretch in life,
The crouching vassal to a tyrant wife,
Who has no will but by her high permission,
Who has not sixpense but in her possession,
Who must to her, his dear friend's secrets tell,
Who dreads a curtain lecture worse than ——,
Were such the wife had fallen to my part,
I'd break her spirit, or I'd break her heart.

EPIGRAM.

It is a maxim in the schools,
That women always doat on fools;
If so, dear Jack, I'm sure your wife
Must love you as she does her life.

GRATITUDE.

A Welshman coming late into an inn,
Asked of the maid, what meat there was within?
Cow-heels, she answer'd, and a breast of mutton
But quoth the Welshman, since I am no glutton,
Either of these shall serve; to-night the breast,
The heels at morning; then light meats are best;
At night, he took the breast and did not pay,
At morning, took his heels and run away.

AN ACCOMMODATING BARBER.

Said a fop to a boy, at a barber's one day,
To make a display of his wit,
"My lad, did you e'er shave a monkey I pray?
For you seem for nought else to be fit.

"I never did yet," said the boy, "I confess,
Shave a monkey, indeed, no not I;
It is out of my line; but sir, nevertheless,
If you please to sit down I will try."

HOPES AND FEARS.

On his death-bed poor Simon lies,
His spouse is in despair,
With frequent sobs and mutual cries
They both express their care.
A diff'rent cause, says parson Fly,
The same effect may give;
Poor Simon fears that he shall die,
His wife—that he may live.

GOLD VS. GOULD.

An old man of the name of Gould having married a young wife, wrote a poetical epistle to a friend to inform him of it, and concluded thus.

"So you see, my dear sir, though I'm eighty years old,
A girl of eighteen is in love with *old Gould*."

To which his friend replied:

A girl of eighteen may love Gold it is true,
But believe me dear sir, it is Gold without U.

THE ACTORS.

A shabby fellow chanced one day to meet
The British Roscius in the street,
("Garrick of whom Old England justly brags.)
The fellow hugg'd him with a kind embrace—
Good sir, I do not recollect your face,
Quoth Garrick.—No! replied the man of rags,
The boards of Drury, you and I have trod
Full many a time together, I am sure,
When? with an oath, cried Garrick, for by —
I never saw that face of yours before!

What characters, I pray,
Did you and I together play?
Lord! quoth the fellow, think not that I mock,
When you play'd Hamlet, sir,---I play'd the cock

ECONOMY.

Frank, who will any friend supply,
Lent me ten guineas, "come," said I,
"Give me a pen---it is but fair,
You take my note," Quoth he. "Hold there;
Jack, to the cash, I've bid adieu,
No need to waste my paper too."

Congreve.

RECOLLECTION.

False tho' she be to me and love,
I'll ne'er pursue revenge;
For still the charmer I approve,
Tho' I deplore the change.
In hours of bliss we oft have met,
They could not always last;
And tho' the present I regret,
I'm grateful for the past.

HOW TO BECOME CONSEQUENTIAL.

A brow austere, a circumspective eye,
A frequent shrug of the *os humeri*,
A nod significant, a stately gait,
A blust'ring manner, and a tone of weight,
A smile sarcastic, an expressive stare;
Adapt all these as time and place will bear.
Then rest assur'd that those of little sense
Will set you down---a man of consequence.

WOMEN.

Nature, regardful of the babbling race,
Planted no beard upon a woman's face;
Not Rogers' razors, though the very best,
Can shave a chin that never is at rest.

THE LOYAL PAIR.

"I'll list for a soldier," says Robin to Sue,
"To avoid these eternal disputes!"
"Aye, aye," cries the termagant, "do Robin, do,
I'll raise, the mean while, fresh recruits."

NEWS.

The word explains itself, without the Muse,
And the four letters speak from whence comes *news*,
From north, east, west, south, the solution's made,
Each quarter give accounts of war and trade.

Butler.

POVERTY AND POETRY.

It is not poetry, that makes men poor;
For few do write who were not so before;
And those that have writ best, had they been rich,
Had ne'er been clapp'd with a poetic itch;
Had lov'd their ease too well, to take the pains
To undergo that drudgery of brains;
But being for all other trades unfit,
Only t' avoid being idle, set up wit.

Butler.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

In little trades more cheats and lying
Are used in selling, than in buying.

ON A GENTLEMAN WHO MARRIED HIS MISTRESS

God's noblest works are honest men,
Says Pope's instructive line,
To make an honest woman then,
Must surely be divine.

REPARTEE.

Charles to the altar led the lovely Jane,
Then to her father's house return'd again;
Where to convey them on their wedding tour,
Already stood a landaulet and four.
When lo! the gath'ring clouds at once descend,
Cloud rolls on cloud, and warring winds contend
This moves him not, but in he hands his bride,
Then seats himself enraptur'd by her side;
And thus to cheer the fair, he quick begun:
"I hope we soon shall have a *little sun.*"
But she, to whom the weather gave no pain,
Who heeded not the clouds nor pattering rain,
But most about her future hopes bethought her,
Replied, "My dear, I'd rather have a *daughter.*"

LOW.

As Will along the floor had laid
His lazy limbs in solemn show,
"You're ill," quoth Sall, "I'm sore afraid."
"Indeed," says Will, "I'm rather low."

EPITAPH.

A physician who fancied himself a poet, on his death bed requested the following epitaph to be inscribed on his tombstone:—

Here lies a doctor destitute of drugs,
His soul has fled, his flesh is left for bugs—

which was accordingly done; but a young son of Æs

culapius, who had previously felt himself injured by the deceased on some professional occasion, completed the verse by adding—

He lived a life forever in the fault,
And stops at last where all his patients halt.

A GOOD RETREAT.

When Charles, at once a monarch and a wit,
Some smooth, soft flattery read, by Waller writ;
Waller, who erst to sing was not asham'd,
That Heav'n in storms great Cromwell's soul had claim'd,
Turn'd to the bard, and with a smile said he,
"Your strains for Noll excel your strains for me."
The bard, his cheeks with conscious blushes red,
Thus to the king return'd, and bow'd his head:
"Poets, so Heav'n and all the nine decreed,
In fiction better than in truth succeed."

CANDOUR.

As Tom was one day in deep chat with his friend,
He gravely advised him his manners to mend:
That his morals were bad, he had heard it from many
"They lie," replied Tom, "for I never had any."

EPIGRAM.

The gallant Lord Keppel was question'd one day
To give a description of keel-hauling play;
I remember it well, from a lad, quoth his lordship,
'Tis like *undergoing* a very great *hard-ship*.

LOGIC.

Cried Logical Bobby to Ned, "will you dare
A bet,—which has most legs, a mare or no mare?"

"A mare to be sure," replied Ned, with a grin,
"And fifty I'll lay, for I'm certain to win."
Quoth Bob, "you have lost sure as you're alive,
For a mare has but four and no mare has five."

BETTING.

"I'll hold a crown," quoth Dick to Ned,
"You often wrong your neighbour's bed."
"And I," quoth Ned, "will hold my life,
You always had a telltale wife."

ON DR. JEBB,

A noted man midwife who was lately knighted

Dr. Jebb is made a KNIGHT,
He should have been a *Peer* by right;
And then each lady's prayer would be,
O LORD, good LORD, *deliver* me!

AN AFFECTIONATE PAIR.

My lord and his lady, scold, wrangle and fight;
Yet are both of one mind, and are both in the right:
She calls him a fool—he knows he's not wise;
He calls her a wanton—she can't say he lies."

EPITAPH ON MR. REMNANT.

Is Remnant gone! each tearful eye,
Confirms the mournful tale,
He who oft heard the heartfelt sigh,
Now bids our grief prevail.

But cease ye mourning friends to weep,
Be on his stone engrav'd—
"God has ordained of those who sleep,
A Remnant shall be sav'd."

LOSSES.

I've lost my mistress, horse and wife,
But when I think on human life
I'm glad it is no worse:
My wife was ugly and a scold,
My Chloe was grown stale and cold—
I'm sorry for my horse.

JUSTICE.

A limb of the law of a rustic requir'd,
Sir, "your meaning of justice repeat;"
"Its a work," cried the clown, "for which lawyers are hir'd,
But a work which they seldom complete."

PRINTER'S DEVILS.

Old Lucifer, both kind and civil,
To every Printer lends a Devil;
But, balancing accounts each winter,
For every Devil takes a Printer.

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OR

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ANECDOTES

FOOLS.

A country 'squire asked a juggler why he played the fool? "For the same reason you do; out of want: You do it for want of wit: I for want of money."

GOING FAST.

A gentleman met another in the street, who was ill of a consumption, and accosted him thus: "Ah! my friend, you *walk* slow." "Yes," replied the man "but I am *going* fast."

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

In a new raised corps, a soldier observed that "a corporal was to be dismissed from the regiment." "Then I hope," said an Irishman, "It is *corporal punishment.*"

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

A debtor observed to a creditor, "that it was not his *interest* to pay the *principal*, nor his *principle* to pay the *interest.*"

LICENCE.

A maimed soldier begged charity of a poet, saying, "I have a *license* to beg." "*Lice* thou may'st have, but *sense* thou canst have none, to beg of a poet."

STUPIDITY.

"I believe the jury have been *inoculated for stupidity*," said a lawyer.—"That may be," said his opponent, "but the bar are of opinion that you had it in the *natural way*."

A SPARE RIB.

An epicure requested his landlord to get him a *spare-rib*. The inn-keeper declared he had none but a *crooked rib*, which he should be glad enough to *spare*."

EQUALITY.

Dr. Johnson remarked, "your levellers wish to level *down* as far as themselves, but they cannot bear levelling *up* to themselves."

DEMETRIUS.

Demetrius would at times retire from business to attend to pleasure. On such occasions he usually feigned indisposition. His father coming to visit him, saw a beautiful young lady retire from his chamber. On entering, Demetrius said, "Sir, the fever has left me." "I met it at the door," replied the father.

LEGISLATION.

A lawgiver being indisposed, his physician prescribed a variety of remedies at once—"Why such a variety

of remedies at once?" said the sick minister, "some may counteract the effect of others,"—"true," replied the doctor, "I beg pardon; I believe I am wrong; *but I was inclined to treat your complaint as you have treated the disorders of the* STATE."

GOOD MEASURE.

A man travelling in the country, asked another the distance to a certain town, and was told it was ten miles off—after proceeding a few rods further, our traveller met a boy and asked him the same question, and was answered that the distance was seven miles, whereupon he thought the boy intended to quiz him and rebuked him sharply for giving him wrong information upon the subject, but the boy insisted he was right, and had no doubt the gentleman would find the distance seven miles, *good measure.*

A FOUNDER.

An auctioneer at a sale of antiquities put up a helmet, saying, "ladies and gentlemen, this is a helmet of Romulus the Roman Founder, but whether he was a brass or iron founder I cannot tell."

COL. GARDINER.

A number of military gentlemen once dined with Col. Gardiner at his own house, when he addressed them with much respect, and begged leave to remind them that as he was a justice of the peace in that district, he was bound by oath to put the laws against swearing into execution; he therefore entreated them to be on their guard—only one offended on that day who immediately paid the penalty which was given to the poor, with the universal approbation of the company.

HALF MOURNING.

A little girl hearing her mother say she was going in *half mourning*, inquired if any of her relations were *half dead.*

MURDER.

An Irish gentleman who had no talent for the stage, attempted to enact Major O'Flaherty in the Dublin Theatre. On his way home he was given in charge of the patrol, being accused of *murder*, and kept in the watch-house all night, but was released in the morning on an explanation being made that he had murdered a *dramatic character*

HAM.

A Jew paying particular attention to a ham of bacon when asked what he was saying to it, replied, "I was saying thou almost persuadest me to be a christian."

WOMAN AS SHE SHOULD BE.

A young woman went into a library in School-street and asked for "Man as *he is.*"—"That is out" said the librarian, "but we have *Woman as she should be.*"

RAISING RENT.

"Sir I intend to raise your rent," said a landlord to a tenant, to which the latter replied, "I am much obliged to you, for I cannot raise it myself."

PAYMENT

An agent soliciting subscribers for a book, showed the prospectus to a man who, after reading one dollar

in boards, and one dollar twenty-five cents *in sheep*, declined subscribing, as he might not have boards nor sheep on hand when called upon for payment.

GUESSING.

"Jack, which is the way to Epping."—"How do you know my name is Jack."—"I guess it."—"Then guess your way to Epping."

NOBLE CHILD.

While the United States was drawing near the Macedonian, a child on board, said to Decatur—"Commodore I wish you would put my name on the muster roll!" "What for?" "That I may get a share of the prize money." It was done—after the capture, the commodore said, "well Ned, she's ours, and your share of the prize money will be about $200, what will you do with it?" "I'll send $100 to my mother, and the other shall send me to school." This boy is now a midshipman.

SNACKS.

During the plague in London a noted body searcher lived, whose name was *Snacks*. His business increased so fast, that finding he could not compass it, he offered to any person who should join him in his hardened practice, half the profits; thus those who joined him were said to go with Snacks. Hence going *snacks*, or dividing the spoil.

A CUP TOO MUCH.

A thief having stolen a cup was pursued and taken —a bystander was asked what was the matter? 'That fellow," said he, "has taken a cup too much!"

TIN BOOTS.

A spindle shank fellow inquired of a tinman whom ne intended to quiz, if he could fit him to a pair of tin boots? "Yes Sir," said the tinman, (taking up two candle moulds,) "these will fit you exactly."

DUNS.

A bankrupt who drove a pair of dun geldings met an acquaintance, who observed to him, "I see you drive duns, but I expected that duns would drive you."

SCARE CROW.

A gentleman procured a man's leg from a surgeon and placed it upon a pole on his manor (where there had been much poaching,) with a label, requesting the owner to call for it. This had the desired effect, for his grounds were never more encroached upon.

HANKERING.

The Duchess of Bedford meeting a student, asked how a relation did—"Truly my lady he is a brave fel low—and sticks close to Katherine Hall"—(the name of a college at Cambridge)—"I vow" said she, "I feared as much, for he always had a hankering after the girls."

DOCTOR 'EM.

A physician having been out a gunning without success—his servant said he would go into the next field and if birds were there he would *doctor 'em*—"Doctor 'em, what do you mean by that" inquired the master —"Why kill 'em to be sure," replied the servant.

THE SHADE.

A Spartan going to fight the Persians, upon being told that their arrows would fly so thick as to obscure the light of the sun, replied, "So much the better, for then I shall fight in the shade."

WORKING A PASSAGE.

A Paddy applied to *work his passage* on a canal and was employed to lead the horses which drew the boat—on arriving at the place of destination he swore, "that he would sooner go on foot, than work his passage in America."

FASHION SAKE.

Lord Mansfield being willing to save a man who had stolen a watch, directed the jury to bring it in, value ten pence. "Ten pence! my lord," said the prosecutor, "why the very fashion of it cost me fifty shillings." Perhaps so, replied his lordship "but we are not to hang a man for fashion sake."

AGE.

An Irishman on being asked which was oldest, he or his brother; "I am oldest" said he, "but if my brother lives three years, we shall be both of an age."

WILLIAM PENN.

William Penn and Thomas Story sheltered themselves from a shower of rain in a tobacco house, the owner of which, said, "you enter without leave—do you know who I am? I am justice of peace." To which, Story replied—"my friend here makes such things as thee—he is Governor of Pennsylvania."

MUSICAL PUN.

A young musician on his first appearance before the public, said, "he *trembled* so much he could not *shake*."

POPULATION.

A man who was examined at the bar of the house of commons, was asked by Mr. Dundas, if the population of the Isle of Man was on the increase? "Very much" said he, "since I went there."

DR. RATCLIFFE.

A paviour who had often dunned Dr. Ratcliffe, was one day answered by him---"Do you pretend to be paid for such work---you have spoiled my pavement and covered it with earth to hide its defects." "Mine is not the only bad work that the earth hides, as your profession proves," rejoined the man.

MACKLIN.

Dr. Johnson observed to Macklin in a sneering way, that literary men should converse in the learned languages, and immediately addressed the dramatist in Latin, after which Macklin uttered a long sentence in *Irish*. The doctor again reverted to the English tongue, saying, "you may speak very good *Greek*, but I am not sufficiently versed in that dialect to converse with you fluently."

MRS. MACAULY.

Mrs. Macauly having finished her *Loose* Thoughts, Mr. Sheridan observed, "that the sooner a woman gets rid of such thoughts the better."

LIEUTENANT O'BRIEN.

When Lieutenant O'Brien was blown up in the Edgar and carried to the Admiral, black and wet, he said with pleasantry, "I hope, Sir, you will excuse my dirty appearance, for I left the ship in so great a hurry, that I had not time to shift myself."

SCARLET *vs.* BLACK.

An officer in full regimentals passing through a street in Dublin, apprehensive lest he should come in contact with a chimney sweep, who was passing towards him, exclaimed "Hold off, you black rascal." "You were as black as me before you were boiled," replied sooty.

A PROLIFIC WIFE.

The wife of an Irishman being delivered of a son six weeks after marriage, was told by her husband, that she was a better breeder than his mother, for he was born two months after her marriage.

A REPORT.

A gentleman gave his servant a kick, which occasioned a thundering explosion—his master being highly offended, the servant said, "*would you knock at the door and have nobody answer your honour, and knock so hard too.*"

THE PREACHER.

At a church were there was a call for a minister, two candidates appeared whose names were Adam and Low. The latter preached an elegant discourse from the text—"Adam where art thou." In the afternoon, Adam preached from these words, "*Lo, here am I.*"

SOMEWHERE.

"I think I have seen you somewhere," said one gentleman to another. "No doubt, I have been there often," was the reply.

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

A gentleman who often intruded in a library where he did not subscribe, one day had his dog turned out by a crusty old fellow who gave him a tremendous kick, saying, "*you* are no subscriber at any rate." The gentleman took the hint and never more annoyed the establishment by his presence.

AN ECONOMIST.

Dean Cooper descanting one day at his own table, upon the extraordinary performance of a man who was blind, remarked, that "the fellow could see no more than that bottle." "I do not wonder at that," replied a guest, "for we have seen no more than '*that* bottle' all the afternoon."

WINE.

"I always think," said a Rev. Guest, "that a certain quantity of wine does a man no harm after a good dinner!" "O no, Sir," replied mine host, it is the *uncertain* quantity that does the mischief."

"SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT."

A gentleman after having bought a pair of geese of a countryman in the Boston market at an extra price, asked the seller why he was so unwilling to sell one alone. "Sir," said he, they have been constant companions *five and twenty years*, and I could not think of parting them."

PIGGING.

A farmer upon being informed that his wife had just been delivered of a son, was much delighted—a few minutes after a servant girl told him that her mistress was delivered of another child, a fine girl. "Well," said he, "we must find bread for it." A short while after, the girl appeared again, and said her mistress was delivered of another boy. "What, another child," said the farmer, almost frantic. "Nanny, *is your mistress pigging ?*"

"*Let* HERCULES *himself do what he may,*
"*The Cat will mew, the Dog will have his day.*"

FLOGGING.

A gentleman being jolted by a sailor, vociferated that he would *give* him a flogging. "No," said the tar, "you shan't *give* it me, for I will pay you with interest."

MRS. PRICE.

Mrs. Price, before her second marriage with an alderman of that name, was a widow of large fortune by the name of Rugg. On being asked a few days after her second marriage, how she liked, "O very well indeed," said she, "for I have sold my old *Rugg*, for a *good Price.*"

CANDOUR.

A clergyman in the west of England, preached during the whole of Lent, in a town, where he never was invited to dinner. He said in his farewell sermon, "I have preached against every vice except that of good living which I believe is not to be found among you, and therefore needed not my reproach."

NECESSITY.

Dr. R. maintained that poverty was a virtue.—"That is making a *virtue of necessity*," said Mr. Canning.

FIDELITY.

When a man implored a beautiful young lady to love and favour him, she replied, "my husband who is ever in my mind, forbids me."

A FREE MONARCHY.

In the work of James 1st, entitled a "True Law of Free Monarchies," is laid down that a free Monarchy is one in which the Monarch is perfectly *free to do as he pleases*."

BLUSHING.

A certain fashionable youth, more famed for his red nose than his wit, on approaching a lady who was highly *rouged*, said, "Madam, you blush from *modesty*." "Pardon me, Sir," replied the lady, "I blush from *reflection*."

FOOTE.

Lord Sandwich said to Foote, "which do you think will happen to you first, disease or an acquaintance with the gallows." "That depends upon circumstances, which are these, *whether I embrace your lordship's mistress, or your principles.*'

BORROWING.

Master Mason of Trinity College, sent his pupil to another of the fellows, to borrow a book of him, who told him, "I am loth to lend my book, but if it please the tutor he may read it in my chamber as long as he will." A few days after, the same fellow sent to Mr. Mason to borrow his bellows, to which he replied, "I am loth to lend my bellows, but if thy tutor will come and blow the fire in my chamber, he may as long as he will."

A SENTENCE.

In Flanders, a tiler fell from the top of a house upon a Spaniard and killed him, without injury to himself. Upon the issue of a trial commenced by the next of blood to the deceased, the judge decided that "the complainant should go to the top of the same house and fall on the tiler."

LORD KENYON.

Lord Kenyon told a witness angrily, "that he would commit him." "I hope," answered he, "you will not *commit yourself.*"

NATURAL DEATH.

An old man when dangerously sick, was urged to take the advice of a physician, but objected, saying, "I wish to die a *natural death.*"

A PRUDENT ANIMAL.

A wag describing an elephant, remarked that "this sagacious animal always carries his *trunk* before him, and can never be robbed."

BOOKSELLER'S CATALOGUE.

In a bookseller's catalogue appears the following article—"Memoirs of Charles I.—with a *head capitally executed.*"

TURTLE.

"I have had a surfeit of *mock turtle* since I have been married, therefore eat the soup yourself, my dear," said a young married man to his wife.

A GRATEFUL WIDOW.

A pious lady had prayed St. Raboni for the conversion of her husband—a few days after, *he died,*—when the widow exclaimed, "*What a gracious saint is Raboni, he even gives us more than we pray for.*"

REPLY.

A farmer meeting the parson of his parish, and not giving way to him, was told that he was "better fed than taught." "True," replied the farmer, "you teach me, and I feed myself."

PORTER.

A person named Porter being very drunk, a friend asked what he had been about. "Only turning a little *Gin* into *Porter*," replied he.

TAPPING.

After a consultation, several physicians decided that a dropsical patient should be *tapped.* Upon hearing of the decision of the doctors, a son of the sick man approached him and exclaimed, "*Father! don't submit to the operation, for there never was any thing tapped in our house that lasted more than a week.*"

EVIL.

One asked his friend, why he, being a stout man himself, had married so small a wife. "Why friend," said he, "I thought that you had known that of all evils we should choose the least."

WILL.

A woman upon her death bed, asked liberty of her husband to make a will, in order that she might leave some legacies to her relations. "*You have had your will all your life time,*" said he, "*and now I will have mine.*"

SCHOOLMASTER AND PUPIL.

A schoolmaster asked a boy one cold winter morning, what was the Latin for cold, at which the boy hesitated, saying, "*I have it at my finger's ends.*"

REMEMBRANCE.

A Portuguese sculptor, upon his death bed, had a crucifix placed before his eyes by a confessor, who said, "Behold that God whom you have so much offended. Do you recollect him now?" "Alas! yes, Father," replied the dying man, "it was I who made him."

BEAU NASH.

When Beau Nash was sick, Dr. Cheyne wrote a prescription for him. The next day the doctor inquired if he had followed his prescription? "No faith doctor," said Nash, "if I had, I should have broke my neck, for I threw it out of a two pair of stairs window."

ANGELS.

Tobin in the Honey Moon, says, "all women are angels before marriage, and that is the reason why husbands so soon wish them in heaven afterwards."

LAWYER AND PHYSICIAN.

A lawyer and physician having a dispute about precedence, referred it to Diogenes, who gave it in favour of the lawyer in these terms.—"*Let the thief go before, and the executioner follow.*"

JUSTICE.

A French nobleman had been satirized by Voltaire and meeting the author soon after, gave him a severe caning. V. immediately complained to the Duke of Orleans and begged him to do him justice. "Sir," replied the duke, "you have had it done you already."

CUCKOLDS.

"How many cuckolds, without including thee, said a citizen's wife to her husband, "dost thou reckon in our street?" "How do you mean," replied he angrily, "without including me." "Well my dear," replied the wife, "if that does not please thee, how many dost thou think there are, including thee?"

AN EXCUSE.

A drunken fellow who was reproved for lying in bed every Sunday by a clergyman, said, "he was sorry that a gentleman of his profession had forgotten that the Sabbath was appointed as a day of rest."

MISSIONARY.

A young missionary asked one of his supposed female converts, "how many commandments there were." "Nine Sir." "What, have I not learned you ten." "Yes *Mr. Minister, and last night you learned me to break one.*"

CANON LAW.

Priests were elected in Spain to head armies, they having been bred to the *canon* law.

DIGESTION.

A gentleman observing at table that he could digest any thing, was asked how he could digest his ten children? "Oh Sir!" said he, "I *bring them up.*"

A ROBBER.

A lady hearing that a man had married his kept mistress, observed, that "he had robbed the *public.*"

FUTURE STATE.

A clergyman asked a sea captain his views about a *future state*, and was answered, that he never meddled in *State affairs.*

PSALTER.

The late Mr. M. paid his devoirs to a lady prepossessed in favour of Mr. Psalter; her partiality being evident in favour of the latter, the former took occasion to ask in a room full of company, "pray Miss, how far have you got in your Psalter,"—"as far as *blessed is the man.*"

A SHARP EYE.

A witness, during the Lent assizes at York, after several ineffectual attempts to go on, declared "he could not proceed in his testimony if Mr. Broughman did not take his eye off him."

A LUDICROUS MISTAKE.

A gentleman accustomed to the signature of the firm in which he was a partner, having to sign a baptismal register of one of his children, entered it as *the son of* SMITH, JONES & CO.

AN ODE TO SLEEP.

A poet asked a gentleman what he thougnt of his "Ode to Sleep," was answered, "that it was impossible to read it without being under the influence of Morpheus."

BOARD OF HEALTH.

A countryman upon visiting New-York during the yellow fever, asked why a board fence was placed across the street, and upon being informed it was erected to separate the infected part of the city, observed that "he had often heard of the *Board of Health* but had never seen it before."

AN OBEDIENT WIFE.

A butcher who lay upon his death bed, said to his wife, "My dear I am not a man for this world, therefore I advise you to marry our man John, he is a lusty strong fellow, fit for your business." "Oh dear husband," said she "never let that trouble you, for John and I have agreed upon that matter already."

GEN. LEE.

General Lee, being one day surrounded by dogs, was asked by a lady if he was fond of them, "yes madam," said he, "I love *dogs*, but I detest *bitches*."

CUCKOLD'S HAT.

A man one day seeing his footman with a decent hat upon his head, asked "who gave him that cuckold's hat." "Indeed Sir," said John, "*my mistress gave it me and declared it was one of yours.*"

LAW PRACTICE.

A lawyer told his client, that his adversary had removed his suit to a higher court. "Let him remove it to the Devil," quoth the client, "my attorney will follow it for money."

HENRY IV.

Henry the 4th having bestowed the *Cordon blue* on a nobleman at the solicitation of the Duke de Nevers, when the collar was put on, the nobleman made the customary speech, "Sire I am not worthy." "I knew it well," said the king; "but I give you the order to please my cousin de Nevers"

PATRICK HENRY.

When Patrick Henry, who gave the first impulse to the ball of the American revolution, introduced his celebrated resolution on the stamp act into the House of Burgesses of Virginia, (May 1765) he exclaimed, when descanting on the tyranny of the obnoxious act, "Cæsar had his Brutus, Charles the 1st his Cromwell, and George the 3d——" "Treason," cried the speaker: "treason, treason," echoed from every part of the house. It was one of those trying moments which are decisive of character. Henry faultered not for an instant, but rising in a loftier attitude, and fixing on the speaker an eye flashing with fire, continued, "*may profit by their example.* If this be treason, make the most of it."

A GOOD RETORT.

A lawyer said to a witness, "You have a plentiful supply of sap in your head;" to which the witness replied, "the brass in your face is so plentiful, that you can spare enough to make a pail to hold it."

PRINTER'S DEVIL.

When a printer's apprentice about 15 years of age, made his debut before a Providence audience in the character of Richard the 3d, Fox, who enacted Richmond, instead of the text

True hope is swift and flies with swallows wings;
Kings it makes gods and meaner creatures kings.

exclaimed,

True hope is swift and flies with swallows wings;
Kings it makes gods and *printer's devils* kings.

AN ASSORTMENT OF DISORDERS.

A *Shopkeeper* wrote his sister that "our aged father died yesterday of an *assortment* of disorders."

THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOUL FROM THE BODY.

Hippocrates says, "the soul, partly by the pores of the skin, partly by the orifices of the head, which have served the various purposes of life, leaves its earthly tabernacle and abandons the cold and inanimate image of man."

QUAKER MEETING.

A young girl from the country, lately on a visit to a Mr. H——, a Quaker, was prevailed on to accompany him to meeting. It happened to be a silent one; none of the brethren being moved by the spirit to utter a syllable. When Mr. H. left the meeting house with his young friend, he asked her "How dost thee like the meeting?" to which she pettishly replied, "Like it! why I can see no sense in it, to go and sit for whole hours together without speaking a word, it is enough to kill the devil!" "Yea, my dear," rejoined the Quaker, "that is just what we want."

HORNS.

A gentleman bought a pair of horns and told his wife that he intended to hang his hat upon them. "*Are not the horns upon your own head sufficient for that purpose?*" quoth she.

CONSOLATION.

A stage struck youth, observed to some scribbling would-be satirical critics, "I shall soon make my debut on the boards." "If you do, *we will take you off*," said one of them.

A ROSE.

A blind man having a shrew for his wife was told that she was a rose. "I doubt it not," replied he, "for I feel the thorns daily."

THE POST.

A drunken fellow ran against a post—supposing him self imposed upon, he began beating it with his fists, and upon being informed it was a post, said, "why did he not blow his horn."

A MODEST LADY.

A would be modest lady pulled the sleeve of her under garment over her wrist when a physician was about feeling her pulse.—The doctor took the corner of his coat and laid it upon his patient's arm, saying "a linen pulse should have a woolen physician."

MILTON.

Milton was asked if he intended to instruct his daughter in the different languages—to which he replied, "no sir, one tongue is sufficient for a woman."

POLITENESS.

A governor of Virginia being saluted by a negro, immediately returned the compliment—"Can you demean yourself so far," said a slave holder, "as to raise your hat to a negro"—"Undoubtedly," said the governor, "I should be sorry for him to exceed me in politeness."

AN ASS.

A young fellow eating some cheese full of mites, boasted that he had slain his thousands and tens of thousands. "That you have," said an old man, "*with no other weapon than the jaw bone of an ass.*"

REMINESCENCE.

Mr. Mills, of the Federal-street Theatre, one night announced the entertainment for the next, in the following manner: "Ladies and gentlemen, to-morrow evening will be presented the tragedy of Hamlet; to which will be added the favorite farce of, (bowing) *I don't know,—forget—can't say—beg pardon.*"

THE SUBLIME.

Mr. Emmons, a distinguished orator in the "Literary Emporium," introduced the following beautiful passage, in an oration pronounced by him in the Pantheon in commemoration of the 5th of March. "My friends, the era of good feelings has come indeed, for not only has a candidate been found for Governor, that will be supported by all, but the *City Banks will reciprocate favours upon equal terms with their country brethren.*"

A SCOLD.

Foote being scolded by a lady, said, I have heard of *tartar* and *brimstone*—you are the *cream* of the one and the *flower* of the other."

MATRIMONY.

A father wished to dissuade his daughter from any thoughts of matrimony. "She who marries does well," said he, "but she who does not marry does better." "My father," she meekly replied, I am content to do well; let those do better who can."

A CONSIDERATE CLERGYMAN.

A dull clergyman, said to the boys in the gallery, "don't make so much noise, for you will awake your parents below."

PROFANITY.

"If you do not refrain from swearing, said a pious man to a profane wretch, "you will be damned." "I will be d——d if I do," he replied.

G. COLMAN.

The present licenser, G. Colman, author of *Broad Grins* and other *chaste* productions, in his official capacity struck out all the "damme's" that occurred in *Married and Single*, "because such language was immoral." On receiving the licence, Mr. Ellison wrote the doting courtier—

"Dear Colman,

"D—n me if it isn't the brazier,—D—d the traveller do I see coming to the *Red Cow*."* "Damn this fellow."† "Sooner be d——d than dig,"‡ &c. &c.

Yours, R. W. Ellison.

* These words occur in Colman's tragedy of John Bull.

† These in the Review.

‡ And these in Ways and Means.

CANOVA.

Canova fancied the Sun of Italy alone propitious to his genius—Napoleon perceiving that the bust which this celebrated artist made of him, observed there was not that grand character which distinguished his works. "I feel it sire," replied Canova, "but I cannot help it; the clouded sky of France does not inspire me like the warm sun of Italy."

SPINSTERS.

Formerly it was a maxim that a young woman should never be married till she had spun herself a set of body,

table, and bed linen.—Hence all unmarried women have been called spinsters, an appellation they still retain in all deeds and law proceedings.

WEIGHT OF SIN.

A gentleman weighing a lady, not finding a sufficiency of weight, put his foot into the scale which soon turned it; when he observed, "sin weighs heavy." "It does indeed," said the lady, "for one foot weigh ed me down."

SHUTER.

Upon a stage coach being stopped by robbers, one of them presented a pistol to Shuter, the comedian, and demanded his money. "Money," returned S. with a shrug, "O lud, Sir, they never trusts me with any, for uncle here always pays for me turnpikes and all." The highwayman gave him a few curses for his stupidity, robbed the other passengers and rode off.

PORK.

A lawyer charged a poor man three dollars for advice. "There is the money," said his client, "it is all the money I have in the world, and my family have been a long time without pork." "Thank God," replied the lawyer, "my wife has never known the want of pork since we were married." "Nor never will," the countryman rejoined, "so long as she has so great a hog as you."

A TIGHT SQUEEZE.

"Come here my lad," said an attorney, to a boy about nine years of age. The boy accordingly came and asked "what case is to be tried next." "A case

between the Pope and the devil, which do you suppose will gain the action?" answered the attorney. "I guess 'twill be a pretty tight squeeze; the Pope has the most money, but the devil has the most lawyers," replied the boy.

PATIENCE.

The Priest of the village told a man who lost his wife the day before, "that he must have *patience*," and received this reply, "Sir, I have been trying her, but she won't consent."

DANGEROUS BITING.

Diogenes being asked, "the biting of which beast is the most dangerous?" answered, "If you mean wild beasts, 'tis the slanderers, if tame ones, the flatterers."

LAWYER'S FEES.

A young pert lawyer said to another, that he received 25 guineas for speaking in a certain case. "And I," said the other received *double* that sum for *holding* my tongue in the same cause."

COALS.

The daughter of a large proprietor of collieries was inquisitive as to the nature of Hell. Upon which her father represented it to be a large gulph of fire of prodigious extent. "Dear papa," said the child, "could you not get the devil to buy his coals of you."

MAJOR BRIDGES.

A noble lord having given a grand gala, his tailor was among the company, whom his lordship addressed, "My dear Sir, I remember your face, but forget your

name;" when the tailor whispered, "*I made your breeches.*" The nobleman taking him by the hand, said aloud, "*Major Bridges*, I am very glad to see you."

BACON'S ABRIDGEMENT.

A *Barrister* on hearing it remarked what a quantity of ham he had eaten, observed that he had been only taking *extracts* from *Bacon's Abridgement.*

SEA LAWYERS.

A lawyer on his passage from Europe, observed a shark and asked a sailor what it was, who replied, "Here we call 'em *sea lawyers.*"

NINE PINS.

A sailor with a wooden leg, having the other shot off in an engagement, said "It *was time for him to leave off play when his last pin was bowled down.*"

RETORT NOT COURTEOUS.

A gentleman told a lady she was wonderous handsome; who replied, "I thank you for your good opinion, and wish I could say as much of you." "You might madam," said he, "if you *lie* as readily as myself."

A GOOD REPLY.

The commissioners in the excise office were offended at a quaker, who replied yes or no to their questions, and asked him, "Do you know for what we sit here?"

"Yea," said Nathan, "some of you for 300 and others for 1000 pounds a year."

RELATIONSHIP.

"Patrick, has your sister got a son or a daughter?" "I know not," said he, "whether I am an uncle or an aunt."

BALAAM'S ASS.

Bishop Burnet who stammered, directed his Chaplain to examine a young man. The first question was, "why did Balaam's ass speak." "Because his master had an *impediment* in his speech," replied the young candidate.

CHANCERY SUIT.

Two suitors in Chancery being reconciled to each other after a very tedious and expensive suit, applied to an artist to paint a device in commemoration of their returning amity and peace; the artist accordingly painted one of them in his shirt and the other stark naked.

SOMETHING USELESS.

A Barrister blind of one eye, pleading with his spectacles on, said, "Gentlemen, I shall use nothing but what is necessary." His antagonist immediately replied, "Then take out one of the glasses of your spectacles."

SMOKING.

"What harm is there in a pipe," says young Puffwell. "None that I know," replied his companion,

"except smoking induces drinking—drinking induces intoxication—intoxication induces bile—bile induces dyspepsia—dyspepsia induces pulmonary consumption—pulmonary consumption induces death—put that in your pipe and smoke it."

RETORT.

A quaker was asked by a magistrate who had been a carpenter, "why he did not take off his hat?" It is a privilege said he "we quakers are allowed." "If it were in my power," said the justice, "I would have your hat nailed to your head." "I thought," said Obadiah, "that thou hadst given up the trade of driving nails."

NOTHING REMARKABLE.

"*I rise, Sir, for information,*" said a very grave member of a legislative body, who then made no great figure in the business in which he was engaged, but has since far outgrown in political importance both his own and his neighbour's expectations. "*I am very glad to hear it,*" said a by-stander, "*for no man wants it more.*"

GOOD ADVICE.

A certain Surgeon Dentist of this city, who is not quite a span for Big Dick, was called upon by a person of great maxillary dimensions, for his assistance to dislodge a tooth, which had begun to raise a mutiny among his nerves. The patient being seated on the floor, so as to accommodate his length to that of the doctor, began to open his head, nearly in manner and form of an old fashioned fall-back chaise; and the astonished operator, who stood before him, fearing there might be a second edition of Jonah, exclaimed, with terror in his countenance, "you need not extend your

jaws any further, for I intend to stand on the *outside* while I extract the tooth."

WOMAN A TOUGH ANIMAL.

"The constitution of our females must be excellent," says a celebrated physician. "Take an honest ox, and enclose his sides with *corsetts*,—he would labor indeed, but it would be for breath."

NO UNCOMMON TRICK.

It is said that an artful Yankee girl, has procured money enough to buy her an elegant Piano Forte, by *means of a genteel Missionary Box.*

A WIDOW'S DECLARATION.

A widow of suspected chastity, said to a tippler, "would you believe it Sir, during the ten years of my widowhood, I have never felt the least inclination for matrimony?" "Would you believe it madam," replied he, "that since my recollection I never felt thirst?"

THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

As a lady was viewing herself in a mirror, she said to her daughter, "What would you give to be as *handsome* as I am." "Just as much," replied the daughter, "as you would to be as *young* as I am."

A COURTEZAN.

A Courtezan of Rome, having come into a church and placed herself near a respectable lady, the latter rose in order to remove from her. "Why do you avoid

me," said the courtezan, "my infirmity only attacks those who wish for it."

EVILS OF LIFE.

A woman fond of gallantry said to her brother who was a gambler, "when will you leave off playing?" "When you cease to intrigue," said he. "Ah," returned she, "I perceive you will be a gambler for life."

A CALF.

"Who made you?" asked a gentleman,—to which the boy replied, "Moses," and in turn asked the gentleman who made him. To which he replied "Aaron." Whereupon the boy laughed, saying, "Then, Sir, you are the cursed calf which Aaron made."

MOVING SPEECH.

An indifferent pleader asked Catulus—"Have I succeeded in making a very *moving* speech?" "Certainly said he, for many of the audience pitied you and the rest *walked out of court.*"

PHILOSOPHY.

A man by the name of Philo who was married to a lady whose name was Sophy, observed, that uniting his name with the lady's, put him in possession of *Philo-sophy.*

HIGH ENOUGH.

A French ambassador, (who was a tall man,) received an appointment to the court of James 1st. After

his introduction the king asked lord Bacon what he thought of him. "He appears," said the philosopher, "like a high house, the upper story of which is seldom furnished."

ZENO.

Zeno was told it was disgraceful for a philosopher to be in love. "If that were true" said he, "the fair sex are to be pitied, for they would receive the attention of fools alone."

A CUCKOLD.

"I really believe there is but *one* man in town who is not a cuckold," said a gentleman to his wife. "If that be the fact it is in vain to guess his name," she replied.

A PRUDENT GIRL.

A dissipated nobleman observed to a girl whom he wished to seduce, that he admired her virtue, when the girl replied, "Then, sir, do not attempt to deprive me of that which you so much admire."

THEATRICAL.

An eccentric Irishman, whose name was James Whitely, and who was well known as an itinerant manager, was one night playing *Macbeth*, and having made his exit at the stage door to commit the murder upon *Duncan*, he demanded of the property man where the colouring was, with which to give the appearance of being bloody to the daggers and his hands. The property man, well knowing the consequence, trembled as he informed him he had forgotten it. 'Have you *my dear* ?' said Whitely, and with his clenched fist he

struck the man a violent blow upon the nose, which produced a copious flow of blood, with the precious liquid he quickly coloured his hands and the daggers, and telling the unfortunate fellow to be more careful again, he presented himself to the audience.

THE SAGACIOUS QUACK.

"I suppose," said a quack while feeling the pulse of his patient, "that you think me a fool." "Sir," replied the sick man, "I perceive you can discover a man's thoughts by his pulse."

JEU D'ESPRIT.

"How can you, my dear, prefer *punch* to *wine*." "Because, my dear, 'tis so like matrimony—such a charming compound of opposite qualities." "Ay my lord, I am the *weak* part I suppose." "No, my love, you are the *sweet*, with a dish of the *acid*, and no small portion of the *spirit*."

AN ORATOR.

It was lately remarked of a *hatter* who made himself busy at a caucus in speechifying against Monarchies, "That he was a strange fellow to be at war with crowned heads—for if the people were to be deprived of their crown he must strike into some new line of business.

NOTHING REMARKABLE.

A gentleman whose wife was delivered of a boy six months after marriage, asked a physician the reason of this *expedition*. "Make yourself easy," said the latter, "this often happpens in the case of the first child, but *never afterwards*."

REGRET.

A gentleman regretting the loss of his *first*, in the presence of his *second* wife, was told by her, that "no one had more reason to wish his former spouse alive than she had."

ROUGE.

A lady praising the beautiful colour used upon her miniature, was told by the artist, that he doubted not she was a woman of good taste in colouring, for they both bought their rouge at the same shop.

FORGETFULNESS.

The celebrated Lessing was remarkable for a frequent absence of mind. Having missed money at different times without being able to discover who took it, he determined to put the honesty of his servant to a trial, and left a handful of gold on the table. 'Of course you counted it?' said one of his friends. 'Count it!' said Lessing, rather embarrassed; 'no I forgot that.'

A COVERED LADY.

A lady who rouged highly aked a gentleman if she did not look pale?—the latter replied, "If you will *uncover*, I will tell you."

A STUDIOUS MAN.

The Bishop of Avranches, Huet, devoted the whole of his time to study. A person in his diocese who had made frequent applications to obtain an interview with him on business of importance, tired at length of call

ing, exclaimed, "God send that our next Bishop may have finished his studies."

MUSIC.

At the first execution of the celebrated *Miserere* of Lully, before the court of Lewis the 14th in the chapel of Versailles, the monarch being on his knees during the whole time, necessarily kept his court in the same position. At its conclusion the king asked the Count de Grammont his opinion of it. "Sire" he replied, "the music is very soft to the ears, but very hard to the knees."

SPORTING.

A short time since, some gentlemen were enjoying the diversion of coursing, and having lost sight of the hare, one of the party rode up to a boy, when the following dialogue ensued. Boy have you seen a hare running this way, followed by dogs? Answer. What do you mean a little brown thing? Yes.—Had it long ears?—Yes.—A little white under the belly? Yes.—Had it a short tail?—Yes.—And long legs?—Yes.—Was it running as fast as it could?—Yes it was.—Boy (after a pause) No; I have *not* seen it.

SAILOR AND HIGHWAYMAN.

One of the Dover stages on its way to London, was stopped by a single highwayman, who being informed by the coachman there were no inside passengers, and only one in the basket, and he a sailor, the robber instantly proceeded to exercise his functions upon the honest tar; when waking him out of his sleep, Jack demanded to know what he wanted; to which the son of plunder replied, 'Your money.' 'You shan't have it' says Jack. 'No!' replied the robber, 'then I'll blow your brains out.' 'Blast your eyes, blow away'

says Jack, 'I may as well be without brains as without money. Drive on Coachee.'

MAD MAN.

A man who was apparently more of a wit than a mad man, but who, notwithstanding was confined to a mad house; being asked how he came there, answered —"Merely by a dispute of words. I said that all men were mad, and all men said that I was mad, and the *majority carried the point.*"

ITALIAN MONARCH.

An Italian monarch taking an ambassador to his court, to a high balcony remarked—"This is the balcony over which one of my ancestors made an ambassador leap." Upon which the envoy coolly observed, "I presume ambassadors did not wear swords in those days."

DRYDEN.

A young lord bantering Dryden for having made Cleomenes, in one of his tragedies, do little to advance his love, when he had an interview with his mistress: "for my part (said he) when I am with a pretty girl, I always make good use of my time." "Yes (replied the poet) but nobody mistakes your lordship for a hero."

POINT OF LAW.

Blackstone, speaking of the right of a wife to dower, asserts, that if land abide in the husband a single moment, the wife shall be endowed thereof; and he adds that this doctrine was extended very far by a jury in Wales, where the father and son were hanged in one cart, but the son was supposed to survive the father, by appearing to struggle the longest, whereby he became seized of an estate by survivorship, in con-

sequence of which seizure his widow obtained a verdict for her dower.

BURKE.

A member of Parliament having by a long speech thinned the house, unexpectedly called for the reading of the Riot Act to support his argument. Burke who had been waiting to speak to the same subject, jumped up and cried out "the Riot Act! my dear friend? don't you see the mob is completely dispersed."

MERCANTILE.

Two merchants conversing together upon the badness of the times and observing a flock of pigeons—One said "how happy they are, they have no *acceptances* to provide for." "Indeed," replied the other, "you are mistaken for they have their *bills* to *provide* for as well as we."

THE DARDANELLES.

An ignorant fellow was boasting that in his travels he had been caressed every where, and that he had *seen* all the great in Europe. "Have you seen the Dardanelles," said one of the company. "Yes," replied he, "I dined with them at Gibraltar and found them to be excellent company."

THE PAINTER.

A gentleman looking at the children and the pictures of a painter, told him he was astonished that he should make such beautiful pictures, and have such ugly children. The reason is, replied the painter, because I make the pictures in the day time, and the children in the night.

A CONVERT.

A methodist in America, bragging how well he had instructed some Indians in religion, asked one of them "If he had not found great comfort last Sunday, after receiving the sacrament." "Aye master," replied the savage, "*but I wish it had been brandy.*"

THE POINT OF DEATH.

A young lady going into the barrack room at Fort George, saw an officer toasting a slice of bread on the point of his sword, upon which she exclaimed "I think Sir, you have got the *staff of life* on the *point of death.*"

BOLINGBROKE.

Bolingbroke left one of his infidel publications to be published by Mallet, a brother unbeliever. Dr. Johnson when asked his opinion of this legacy, exclaimed "A scoundrel! who spent his life in charging a popgun against christianity; and a coward! who, afraid of the report of his own gun, left half a crown to a hungry Scotchman to draw the trigger after his death."

GENERAL ARNOLD.

During the traitor Arnold's predatory operations in Virginia, in 1781, he took an American captain prisoner. After some general conversation, he asked the captain 'what he thought the Americans would do with him if they caught him.' The captain declined at first giving him an answer; but upon being repeatedly urged, he said, 'Why, sir, if I must answer the question, you will excuse my telling you the truth; if my countrymen should catch you, I believe they would first cut off your lame leg, which was wounded in the cause of freedom and virtue at Quebec, and bury it

with the honours of war, and afterwards hang the remainder of your body on a gibbet.'

AUGUSTUS.

After the battle of Actium, Mark Anthony challenged Augustus, who answered thus.

"If Anthony is weary of his life, there are other ways of dispatch besides fighting him, and for his part he should not trouble himself to be his executioner."

CYRUS.

When Araspes had commended the fair Panthea to Cyrus, as a beauty worthy his admiration; he replied, "for that very reason I will not see her, lest if by persuasion I should see her but once, she might herself persuade me to see her after, and spend more time with her, than would be for the advantage of my own affairs."

SOCRATES.

Socrates when asked by Georgias, "What his opinion was of the king of Persia and whether he judged him happy? replied "that he could not tell what to think of him, because he knew not how well he was furnished with virtue and learning."

ST. AUGUSTIN.

St. Augustin, by a low but very apt allusion has set out the danger of ill company which he compares to a nail driven into a post with a hammer, which after the first and second stroke may be drawn out with little difficulty, but being once driven up to the head, the pincers can take no hold to draw it out, which cannot be done but by the *destruction* of the wood."

PROSELYTISM

When the king of France solicited M. Bangier, who was a Protestant, to conform to the Roman Catholic religion, promising him in return a commission or a government. "Sir," replied he, "if I could be persuaded to betray my God for a marshal's staff, I might be induced to betray my king for a bribe of much less value."

ARISTIDES.

A tragedy of Eschylus was once represented before the Athenians, in which it was said of one of the characters, "that he cared no more to *be* just, than to *appear* so." At these words, all eyes were instantly turned upon Aristides, as the man, who, of all the Greeks, most merited that distinguished character. Ever after he received by universal consent, the surname of *the just.*

AN UPRIGHT JUDGE.

Aristides being judge between two private persons, one of them declared that his adversary had greatly injured Aristides. "Relate rather," said he "what wrong he hath done thee, for it is thy cause not mine, that I now sit judge of."

ARCHBISHOP MOUNTAIN.

Archbishop Mountain who had raised himself from the son of a beggar to the see of Durham, was asked by George the second, for a fit person to appoint to the see of York. The Doctor replied, "Hadst thou faith like a grain of mustard seed, thou wouldst say to this mountain (laying his hand upon his breast) be thou removed and cast into the *sea*, (see.)" His majesty laughed heartily and gave the preferment to the doctor.

FIT PUNISHMENT.

An officer of rank in the army of Lewis the 12th, having ill treated a peasant, the monarch made him live a few days on wine and meat. The officer tired of this very heating diet, requested permission to have some bread allowed him. The king sent for him, and said "How could you be so foolish as to ill treat those persons who put bread into your mouth."

CAESAR.

When Caesar was advised by his friends to be more cautious as to the security of his person, and not to walk among the people without arms or any one to protect him, he replied "He who lives in the fear of death, every moment feels its tortures; I will die but once."

PUPIL OF ZENO.

A youth who was a follower of Zeno, on his return home, was asked by his father, "what he had learned?" The lad replied, "that would hereafter appear." On this, the father being enraged, beat his son, who bearing it patiently and without complaining, said, "This have I learned to endure a parent's anger."

HANGMAN'S FEE.

A page whom his master whipt naked, would not put on his clothing, and gave as a reason, that they were hangman's fees.

ANGELO.

Michael Angelo having finished a statue twelve feet high, his employer wishing to be thought a connoisseur, pronounced the nose to be out of all due proportion. Angelo mounted the scaffold gave a few harm-

less blows upon the stone, and at the same time let fall a handful of marble dust. "This is excellent," said the sagacious critic, "now you have given it life indeed."

CHINESE PAINTER.

When a person who wished to look better on canvass than he did in the looking glass, found fault with a chinese painter, that his portrait was not handsome, he replied, "No hab handsome face, how can hab handsome picture."

IRISH NEGRO.

An Irishman with his family landing at Philadelphia, was assisted on shore by a negro who spoke to Patrick in Irish. The latter taking the black fellow for one of his own countrymen, asked how long he had been in America—about four months was the reply. The chop fallen Irishman turned to his wife and exclaimed; "But four months in this country, and almost as black as jet."

BLOW FOR BLOW.

A plebian blowing the froth from a pot of porter which he was bringing to a customer, the gentleman struck him. Boniface eagerly asked why he struck him? "Why," replied the gentleman, "I only returned blow for blow."

REPENTANCE.

A gentleman passing a country church while under repair, observed to one of the workmen, that he thought it would be an expensive job. "Why, yes," replied he, "but in my opinion we shall accomplisn what our reverend divine has endeavoured to do for the last thir-

ty years in vain." "What is that," said the gentleman, "Why bring all the parish to repentance."

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOUT AND RHEUMATISM.

A Frenchman being afflicted with the gout, was asked what difference there was between that and the Rheumatism; 'One very great difference!' replied Monsieur —' 'Spose you take one vise, you putty your finger in, you turn de screw till you bear him no longer—dat is de Rheumatis—den 'spose you give him one turn more, dat is de gout.'

GEORGE COLMAN.

A young gentleman being pressed very hard in company to sing, even after he had solemnly assured them he could not, observed testily they intended to make a *butt* of him. "No, my good Sir," said Colman, "we only want to get a *stave* out of you."

FREDERIC THE GREAT.

After a candidate for chaplain to Frederic had ascended the pulpit, he was presented with a sealed paper which was to form the subject of his sermon, by one of his majesty's aids-de-camp. The preacher opened it, and found nothing written, but turning the paper on both sides, he said, "My brethren, here is nothing, and there is nothing; outof nothing God created all things," and proceeded to deliver an eloquent discourse on the wonders of creation.

CLEMENCY.

When a minister of Alphonsus, complained that his clemency was more than became a prince, he replied, "Know you not, that cruelty is the attribute of wild beasts—Clemency that of man."

WITTY REPLY.

A gentleman lately complimented a lady on her improved appearance. "You are guilty of flattery," said the lady. "Not so," replied he, "for I vow you are as *plump as a partridge.*"—"At first," said the lady, "I thought you guilty of flattery only, but I find you actually making *game* of me."

THE FRENCHMAN.

A Frenchman, having repeatedly heard the word *press*, used to imply persuade; one evening when in company exclaimed, "pray *squeeze* that lady to sing."

GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY.

Not long since an Irishman was carried before a court in Boston, to be tried on a criminal charge. The clerk asked him in the usual form—"Guilty or not guilty." "Zounds," replied the prisoner, "do you think I will tell you, *that what you have to try.*"

MISTAKE.

A man who married Miss Take, after having courted Miss Lloyd, was told by a friend that it was reported he was married to Miss Lloyd. "It was a Miss Take I assure you," he replied.

WIT.

A hunchback of Toulose met a man who had but one eye, very early in the morning. "Good morrow friend," said the one eyed man, you have got your load upon your shoulders very early." "It is so early," replied the hunchback, "that I see you have but one window open."

A DAINTY PHILOSOPHER.

A nobleman observing a person eminent for his philosophical talents, intent on choosing delicacies at table, said to him, "What! do you philosophers love dainties?" "Why not," returned the other; "Do you think my lord, that the good things of this world were only made for blockheads."

BAGGAGE.

During one of the journeys of the hero of Drury Lane Theatre, in the United States, a female whom he had picked up in his travels, was on board the steam boat with him, but whom he did not appear to notice. On arriving at Brunswick, two coaches were in waiting for the tragedian—The damsel inquired of a servant in which of those she was to travel? "Madam," replied he, pointing to one of the coaches, "*that is to carry my master's baggage.*"

CHANGE.

A sailor looking serious in a certain chapel in Boston, was asked by the clergyman, if he felt any change, whereupon the tar put his hand into his pocket, and replied, "I have not a cent."

IRISHMAN'S ANSWER.

An Irishman inquired at the Boston Post Office, if there were any letters for him—"your name Sir," said the clerk. "That you will find upon the letters," replied Pat.

VACCINATION.

A simple country fellow, at his own request, was inoculated for the kine pock three times, but the virus

had no effect, this greatly surprised the doctor. "I am more surprised than you," said the clown, "for my mother says that I took the small pock when first inoculated for it."

BEARD.

A gentleman of Paris, when he had considerable company to dine, would not let his son about six years of age, sit at the table with him, saying "the boy's beard is too short." The child took a seat at a side table, where a large cat tried to take away his food; whereupon he exclaimed "go eat with my father; your beard is long enough."

SHAVING.

A barber shaving a thin faced man, put his finger into the man's mouth to push out the hollow of his cheek, and happening to make a slip, cut through the poor fellow's face, exclaimed, "O curse your lantern jaws, I've cut my finger."

DUN.

Joe Dun an English bailiff in the reign of Henry 7th, was so indefatigable in his business, that it became a proverb when a person did not pay his debts. "Why don't you Dun him." Hence originated the word Dun.

WIFE BEATING.

Immediately after Judge Bullar gave an opinion, "that a husband was privileged to beat his wife, if the instrument used was wooden and no thicker than his thumb," the ladies of Exeter addressed a round robin to the judge, in which they requested to be informed of the exact thickness of his lordship's thumb.

EMPEROR OF CHINA.

The Emperor of China inquired of Sir George Staunton, the manner in which physicians were paid in England. When his majesty was made to understand what the practice was, he exclaimed "Can any man in England, *afford* to be ill? Now I have four physicians and pay all of them a weekly salary, but the moment I am sick that salary is stopped till I am well again, therefore my indisposition is never of any long duration."

CLERICAL.

A preacher during a discourse, emphatically asked, "What saith David on this head." The parson's servant replied, "Mr. David say you shall have no more beef from him, till you pay off de old score."

RETORT.

A young lady not acquainted with the accomplishment of dancing, was requested by a gentleman to dance with him or his brother, at a ball; which invitation she declined, saying she knew not what to do with her feet. "Put one into my pocket, and the other into my brother's," said the gentleman. "Your pockets are not able to support me," replied the lady.

DRUNK.

A celebrated physician having been called from a convivial party to a lady, was so much under the influence of wine, that he found himself unable to form an opinion of her case, and when attempting to feel her pulse, he exclaimed "Drunk! drunk, upon my honour." A few days after the lady observed to him. "My dear doctor, how could you find out *my* case so easily the other evening? It was certainly a great proof of your skill; but do not expose me."

MATRIMONY.

A lady meeting a girl who had lately left her service inquired, "Well Mary, where do you live now?" "Please Madam, I don't live now, I'm married," replied the girl.

LORD NORTH.

Lord North, during a severe sickness said to his physician, "Sir I am obliged to you for introducing me to some old acquaintances." "Who are they my lord," inquired the Doctor. "My ribs," replied his lordship "which I have not felt for many years until now"

A BEGGAR.

A beggar asked charity of a man who had been reduced from affluence to poverty. "Alas, my friend," he replied, "I was about to make the same request of you."

FONTENELLE.

Fontenelle, at the age of 97, after saying many amiable and gallant things to a beautiful young lady, passed before her, without seeing her, to place himself at table. "See," said the lady, "how I ought to value your gallantries, you pass without looking at me." "Madam," replied the old man, "If I had looked at you I could not have passed."

A THIRSTY PATIENT.

During a consultation of Physicians, on the case of a Baccanalian patient, how to cure his fever and abate his thirst—the sick man observed "Gentlemen, if you

will cure the fever, I will take half the trouble off your hands, and abate the *thirst* myself."

DR. GOLDSMITH.

Dr. Goldsmith having been requested by a woman to visit her husband who was melancholy, called upon the patient and told him he would send some pills which he had no doubt would prove efficacious. He immediately went home, put ten guineas into a chip box and sent them to the sick man. The remedy had the desired effect.

POLISHING.

A gentleman jocosely observed to a young lady, that he was about to be married, but as his affections were divided between Miss *Mary Brickdust*, and Miss *Betsey Primestuff*, he was at a loss which to choose. "I advise you by all means, said the lady, to take Miss Brickdust—you want polishing."

A LAPSUS LINGUÆ.

A gentleman was lately in a party of ladies, when the subject of conversation turned upon marriage. In answer to a question from one of the party, whether he was a married man? intending to reply, "Yes madam; and I can offer no stronger proof of my approbation of wedlock than that I have myself had the misfortune to bury one wife, and the happiness to marry another." Instead of this he unluckily inverted the sentence thus: —"I have had the pleasure madam, to bury one wife, and the misfortune to marry another."

ABSENCE OF MIND.

An old woman who sold ale, being in church, fell asleep during divine service, and unluckily let her old

fashioned clasped Bible fall, which, making a great noise, she exclaimed, half awake, "so you jade, there's another jug broken."

CAPTIVES.

When an Armenian prince had been taken captive, with his princess by Cyrus, and was asked what he would give to be restored to his kingdom and liberty, he replied, "As for my kingdom and liberty, I value them not; but if my blood would redeem my princess, I would cheerfully give it for her." When Cyrus had liberated them both, the princess was asked, "What do you think of Cyrus?" to which she replied, "I did not observe him; my whole attention was fixed upon the generous man who would have purchased my liber ty with his life."

A CIVIL REQUEST.

An old woman observing a sailor going by her door, and supposing it to be her son Billy, cried out to him—"Billy where is my cow gone?" The sailor replied in a contemptuous manner, "gone to the d——l for what I know." "Well, as you are going that way," said the old woman, "I wish you would just let down the bars."

PERSONAL REFLECTION.

A petulent old lady having refused a suiter to her niece, he expostulated with her, and requested her plainly to divulge her reasons.—"I see the villain in your face," said she.—"That is a *personal reflection*, madam," answered the lover.

A FRISKY ANIMAL.

Sterne says, that every animal in the creation, as it grows older, grows graver, except an old woman, and she grows frisky.

LATIN SCHOLARS.

The following anecdote is from the Essays of Sir Francis Bacon:

"A company of scholars going together to catch conies, carried one scholar with them, who had not much more wit than he was born with; and to him they gave in charge, that if he saw any he should be silent for fear of scaring them. But he no sooner espied a company of rabbits before the rest, but he cried aloud, *Ecce multi cuniculi*, which in English signifies, "Behold many conies;" which he had no sooner said, but the conies ran to their burrows: and he, being checked by them for it, answered, "Who the devil would have thought the rabbits understood Latin?"

SANG FROID.

It is notorious (says Marmontel in his incomparable biography,) that with much nobleness and dignity of soul, Marshal Saxe was fond of mirth and jollity. By taste, as well as by system, he loved merriment in his armies, stating that the French never did so well as when they were led on gaily, and what they most feared in war, was weary inactivity. He had always a comic opera in his camp. It was at the theatre that he gave the order of battle: and on these occasions, the principal actress used to come forward and say—"Gentlemen, to-morrow there will be no play on account of the battle the Marshal gives; after to-morrow the *Cock of the Village, with the merry intrigues*, &c."

LORD NORTH.

Lord North, while he was engaged in discussing one of the most serious points of a question under examination, a dog which had concealed himself under the table of the House of Commons, made his escape and ran directly across the floor, setting up at the same time a violent howl. It occasioned a burst of laughter,

and might have disconcerted an ordinary man. But he who knew how to convert the most awkward occurrences to his advantage, having waited till the roar had subsided, and preserving all his gravity, said to the speaker, "Sir, I have been interrupted by a new member, not acquainted with the forms of the House, I therefore yielded to him; but as he has concluded his argument, I shall resume mine."

LUCULLUS.

Lucullus entertained Pompey in one of his magnificent houses. Pompey said, "This is a marvellous fair and stately house for the summer: but methinks it would be very cold for the winter." Lucullus answered, "Do you not think me as wise as divers fowls are, to change my habitation in the winter season?"

FRIENDS AT COURT.

A gentleman begging the Duke of Buckingham, to employ his interest for him at Court, added, that he had nobody to depend upon but God and his Grace. Then said the Duke, "your condition is desperate; you could not have named two beings who have less interest at Court."

CHARITY SERMON.

Dean Swift once preached so long a Charity Sermon as to disgust his audience, which coming to his knowledge, and it falling to his lot soon after to preach a Sermon of like kind in the same place, he took especial care to avoid falling into the former error. His text was, "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given, will he pay him again." The Dean, after repeating the text in a more than commonly emphatical tone, added, "Now, my beloved friends, we hear the terms of the loan--if you like the security down with your dust."

THE RIGHT ROAD.

A man passed the Potomac eastward, below Bladensburg, being destined for that place. Coming to the main road, he turned to the right instead of the left. Having overtook a black man, and enquired whether he was on the right road to Bladensburg. "Yes massa, but turn your lovely head t'other way or you'll never get there."

CURRENCY.

A drunken fellow carried a bible to pawn for a pint of gin, but the grocer would not take it. "What the devil," said the fellow, "Will neither *my word* nor the *word of God* pass current with you."

YAWNING.

"You are always yawning," said a woman to her husband. "My dear," replied he, "the husband and wife are one, and when I am alone I grow weary"

THE TAILOR.

A tailor grown tired of the shop-board, took a bold leap from his seat into the pulpit, where he soon acquired great popularity. Elated with success, he attempted to convert the dean of St. Patrick to the true faith. Accordingly he introduced himself to Swift, saying, "I have a commission from Heaven to teach you the true faith, which you have so long abused." "I believe you," replied Swift, "as you come to relieve the perplexed state of my mind at this very instant, you are well acquainted no doubt with that passage in the Revelation of St. John, where he describes a mighty Angel coming down from Heaven, with a rainbow on his head, a book open in his hand, and setting his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth. I am quite at a loss to calculate the extent of such a

stride; but I know it immediately lies within the line of your trade to tell me *how many yards of cloth it would take to make a pair of breeches for that Angel.*" The tailor's confusion could only be equalled by the precipitancy of his retreat.

BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

Some years ago, a person requested permission of the Bishop of Salisbury, to fly from the top of the spire of that Cathedral. The good Bishop with an anxious concern for the man's spiritual as well as temporal safety, told him he was very welcome to fly to the church, but he would encourage no man to *fly from it.*

CIVIL LIST.

Mr. C. one day said to Lord Stuart, "Now the war is over, won't you put your mustachios on the *peace establishment?*" "I don't know," replied he, "but would advise you to put your tongue on the *civil list.*"

NELSON.

Lord Nelson when about eight years old, being on a visit to his aunt, went one day a bird's-nesting, and wandered so far that he did not return till long after dark. The lady, who was much alarmed by his absence, rated him roundly, and among other things said, "I wonder fear did not drive you!" "Fear," replied the boy, "*I don't know him.*"

FLYING FISH.

A sailor, who had been many years absent, returned to his mother. The old lady was desirous to learn what strange things her son had seen upon the mighty waters, but would not believe in the existence of *fly-*

ing fish. Jack said, "Mayhap, mother, you won't believe me, when I tell you, that when in the Red Sea, in heaving up the anchor, a large wheel was hanging upon one of its flukes. An old Grecian looked at it and discovered it to be one of Pharaoh's chariot wheels." "I *can* believe that," cried the old lady, for we read of it in the bible, but never talk to me of flying fish."

QUACK DOCTOR.

A physician being asked the difference between a regular physician and quack, replied:

"A monkey observing a butler drawing a jug of ale, wished to be *an imitator, without the capacity*—he drew the spiggot from the barrel, but not knowing how to stop it again, let the ale all run out, while he frisked about in the greatest fear imaginable."

AN UPRIGHT JUDGE.

A person having an important suite to decide, sent two elegant silver flaggons to the Judge who was to preside on the occasion. On receiving them, the Judge ordered a servant to fill them up with the best wine in his cellar and return them with his compliments.

A FREE MAN.

When Sidney was in France, being one day hunting with the King, and mounted upon a beautiful horse, he received a message that his majesty would buy the horse at any price; he answered that he would not part with him; whereupon the king ordered the animal to be seized and a large sum of money given to the owner; which being made known to Sidney, he shot the steed dead, saying, "*he was born a free creature, he had served a free man,* and *should not be mastered by a King of slaves.*"

WHO KNOWS WHERE THE SHOE PINCHES.

A Roman being about to repudiate his wife, an enraged kinsman asked, "Is not your wife a sensible woman? Is she not a handsome woman? Has she not borne you five children?" In answering which he slipped off his shoe, and asked, "Is not this a very handsome shoe? Is it not nearly new? Is it not well made? How then is it that you know not where it pinches?"

CONJUGAL LOVE.

A person praising the affections of the widows of Malabar, who burn themselves on the funeral piles of their husband's memory, was told, that American women *burned* before marriage for their first husband and *afterwards* for a *second.*

GEORGE THE THIRD.

When John Adams was first presented to George the Third, as the minister from *Republican* America—the latter observed, "I was the last man in the Kingdom, Sir, to consent to the Independence of America, but now it is granted, I shall be the last in the world to sanction an infringement on it."

JOSEPH SECOND.

An old Austrian officer, who had but a small pension, waited on the Emperor entreating his compassion, adding that he had ten children alive. Joseph, anxious to know the truth of this affair, went to the officer's house in disguise, and instead of ten found eleven children. "Why eleven?" "It's a poor orphan," replied the soldier that I took to my house from motives of charity." The good Prince immedi-

ately ordered an hundred florins to be given to each of the children.

LORD ANSON.

When Lord Anson once attacked a French squadron in the Bay of Biscay, and L'Invincible struck, the commander was brought on board the Admiral's ship, where seeing La Glorieux, another of his squadron, engaged with an English vessel of superior force, he came and surrendered his sword, and said, "My Lord, you have conquered the *Invincible* and *Glory* must follow."

POULTRY.

There happened while Swift was at Laracor, the sale of a farm and stock, the farmer being dead. Swift chanced to walk past during the auction, just as a pen of hunters had been put up. Roger bid for them and was overbid by a man of the name of Hatch. "What, Roger, won't you buy the poultry?" exclaimed Swift. "No," said he, "I see they are just going to Hatch."

NERO.

Nero, when once requested to sign an order for the execution of a malefactor, exclaimed, "How much do I wish that I neither knew how to read nor write!"

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

When Queen Elizabeth visited Folkenstone, the inhabitants employed their parish clerk to versify their address—the mayor being introduced, he with great gravity mounted a three legged stool and commenced his poetical declamation thus:—

O, mighty Queene,
Welcome to Falkensteene!

Elizabeth burst out in a loud roar of laughter, and without giving his worship time to recover himself, she replied:—

You great Fool
Get off that Stool.

ADMIRAL MONTAGUE.

The late Admiral Montague, when in Boston, walked the streets on a Sunday, for which he was taken up by the *saints*, and put into the stocks. This indignity he submitted to without any apparent uneasiness. But on the day he meant to sail for England, he sent his cards to the Selectmen, to dine on board his ship, and after dinner he called all hands, and ordered the boatswain to give them a dozen lashes a-piece. "Now, gentlemen," said he, "I could not resist the inclination I had to give you my *Rowland* for your *Oliver*."

CROMWELL AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

When Oliver Cromwell first coined his money, an old cavalier looking on one of the new pieces, read this inscription on one side, "God is with us," on the other, "the Commonwealth of England." I see, said he, that God and the Commonwealth are on different sides.

SOLDIER'S WIVES.

The late Dutchess of York having desired her housekeeper to seek out for a new laundress, a decent looking woman was recommended to the situation. "But," said the housekeeper, "I am afraid she will not suit your Royal Highness; as she is a *soldier's wife*, and these people are generally *loose characters*."—"What is it you say," said the Duke, "a *soldier's wife!* Pray madam, *what is your mistress?* I desire that the woman may be immediately engaged."

FORGETFULNESS.

A studious gentleman the morning after his wedding, arose from his bed sooner than might have been expected, and met his secretary, who wished he might have many years happiness with his lady. "My lady," replied he, "indeed I forgot her," and he immediately returned to bed in order to atone to his rib for apparent neglect.

DEBTOR AND CREDITOR.

A tradesman calling upon a certain would-be important character for payment of a bill, was told by him—"I think you an honest fellow.—Go home and mind your business and don't lose time in attempting to collect a hopeless debt.—As for my other creditors, they are a set of rascals for whom I have no regard, and they may come as often as they please."

LORD JERSEY.

A merry fellow put a number of ram's horns into a basket, and went about, crying "New Fruit." Lord Jersey hearing the noise, asked the man to show him the fruit, and upon seeing it, asked him, "Who the devil will buy ram's horns?" To which the fellow replied, "*If you are provided, I may meet others who are not.*"

CZAR PETER.

When Peter was in Holland, he heard of a man who had been thrice tortured in vain, to give up the names of his associates in a certain transaction. Curiosity led the Russian Monarch to the cell where this man was confined, and to inquire of the prisoner "why he did not give up the names of the persons." Whereupon the

prisoner asked the Czar if he could keep a secret? "Yes," said he. "And so can I," quoth the prisoner.

BARBER'S SIGN.

A thirsty fellow went into a barber's shop to be shaved, and after his beard was taken off, he presented the barber with a penny and asked for something to drink. "I do not keep a bar-room," replied the shaver. "It is printed on your sign," said the customer, "What do you think, I shave for a penny and *give something to drink.*" "That's a new reading," retorted the barber, I read the sign thus: "WHAT! *Do you think* I shave for a penny and give something to drink."

VICAR OF BRAY.

The Vicar of Bray changed his religion several times to promote his own ambition. When asked the reason why he did so, he answered, I cannot help that; but if I changed my religion, I am sure I kept true to my principle, which is to live and die Vicar of Bray

A CARDINAL.

When Cardinal De Monte was elected Pope, before the conclave, he bestowed a hat upon a servant whose chief merit consisted in the daily attentions he paid to his holiness' monkey.

TECHNICAL WIT.

A gentleman in a Stage Coach, passing through the city of B——, and observing a handsome edifice, inquired of the driver what building it was? The driver replied it is the Unitarian Church. Unitarian! said the gentleman—and what is that? I don't know, said Jehu, but I believe it is an *opposition!*

CORNELIUS AGRIPPA.

Cornelius Agrippa was necessitated to fly his country and the enjoyments of a rich income merely for having displayed a few philosophical experiments, which now many school boys can perform. The people beheld him as an object of horror, and not unfrequently, when he walked in the streets, he found them empty at his approach.

MAGNA CHARTA.

Sir Robert Cotton having one day discovered that a man held in his hand ready to cut for measures, the original Magna Charta, with all its appendages of seals and signatures, bought this singular curiosity for a trifle, and recovered, in this manner what had long been given over for lost.

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

St. Jerome and other Fathers of the Church, call the five books of Moses, *the* Law, because of Deuteronomy, and the books of their Prophecies, *the Prophets*. All the other books are called *Holy Writings*. Hence the phrase of The Law and the Prophets, is so frequently made use of in the New Testament.

CALVINISTIC CLERGYMAN.

A Clergyman near Boston engaged a wag to buy some trees for him, who soon accomplished the order and returned to his employer with them. The Reverend gentleman, however, not liking the price, observed that his father did not give more than half as much in his day. "You will please to recollect," replied the wit, "that the times have strangely altered since your

father departed from this world—during his life, a fine fat parson with a nice bob-wig, was satisfied with a hundred pounds per year salary, but now a days, a stripling green from College, will turn up his nose at three times as much."

SHAKSPEARE.

Shakespeare's imprudence obliged him to quit the wool trade; after which he engaged with a company of actors; but disgusted with being an indifferent performer, he turned author.

ARNAULT.

Arnault made the following caustic retort to the Jesuits.

"I do not fear your *pen*, but your "*pen-knife*."

OLD AGE.

Socrates learned to play on musical instruments in his old age: Cato, at eighty, learned Greek. Plutarch at about the same age studied Latin, and Franklin learned to speak French towards the close of life.

DR. JOHNSON.

A lady asked Dr. Johnson why he was not invited to dine at the tables of the great. "Because," said he, "Great lords and ladies do not like to have their mouths stopped."

COFFEE.

A Prior of a Monastery in Arabia, where Coffee grows, having remarked that the Goats who ate of it

were brisk and alert, determined that his Monks who were lethargic, should use it.—The experiment proved successful. Hence the general use of Coffee.

LEE.

When Nat Lee was confined in Bedlam, a bad poet told him, "it was easy to write like a mad man." "No," said Lee, "it is very difficult to write like a madman, but it is very easy to write like a fool."

PRINCIPAL.

A gentleman passing through one of the public offices, was affronted by some clerks, and was advised to complain to the principal, which he did thus:—'I have been abused here by some of the rascals of this place, and I come to acquaint you of it, as I understand you are the principal.'

THE CHASE.

In a letter from Mr. Brune to Mr. Rawlins, June 14th, 1735, in the Bodelein collection, he states, that one Mr. Vernon, followed a butterfly *nine miles* before he could catch it.

CURRAN.

During Curran's last illness, his physician observed that he seemed to cough with more difficulty, he answered, 'That is rather surprising, as I have been practising all night.'

SELLING UNDER PRIME COST.

A lady seeing at the window of a linen draper, who had not been long in business, that very common lure, *the*

goods of this shop selling under prime cost, stepped into a friend's, who happened to live within two or three doors, and inquired whether he thought his neighbour was really selling under prime cost, and would let her have any good bargains?—'As to bargains,' replied her friend, 'I really am at a loss to answer; but with respect to selling under prime cost, that I can positively assure you must be impossible, for to my certain knowledge he has never paid a single farthing for any thing he has in his shop.'

AN ARTIST.

Alonzo Cano, a Spanish artist, when a priest presented to him a crucifix badly executed, turned his eyes away and refused to look at it; but when one of good workmanship was brought to him, he devoutly embraced it and expired.

RULING PASSION.

Henry Beaufort, cardinal of Winchester, who was extremely rich, cried out upon his death bed—"Will not death be hired? Will money do nothing? Must I die that have such great riches? If the whole realm of England would save my life, I am able, either by policy to get it, or by riches to buy it."

ETIQUETTE.

The commander of a Portuguese fort, seated under a splendid canopy, in a richly ornamented saloon, received an African envoy whom he did not invite to sit down. The envoy made a sign—Instantly two of his slaves placed their hands upon the floor, the back of which served him for a seat. "Your king," said the commander "is he as powerful as our king?" "My king," replied the negro, "has a hundred servants like the king of Portugal, a thousand like thee, and one like me," and instantly departed.

THE BITER BIT.

A young and respectable woman in England swallowed a dose of poison, which proved fatal—not, however, with the intent to destroy herself, but only to alarm her husband, with a view of exciting him to greater affection.

A MANUFACTURED ARTICLE.

Mr. Huskisson during his late speech in Parliament, on the reduction of duties on certain articles, mentioned the following laughable fact.

"A friend of his having imported a mummy three thousand years old, the custom house could not call it a *raw material*, so after much debate they voted it a manufactured article. It was valued at 400*l*, and being pronounced a manufactured article, he had to pay 200*l* or 50 per cent duty upon it."

WIT OR MAID.

The book of Helvetius De l'Esprit, and Voltaire's poem of La Pucelle d'Orleans, were prohibited in Switzerland at the same time. A magistrate of Berne, after a strict search for those two works, wrote the senate,—"we have not found in the whole province either wit or maid."

GARRICK.

Garrick, performing a king in a new piece in which the principal incident was similar to Lear's abdication of the throne in favour of his daughters—when he came to the passage, "*And now I divide this crown between you*" (his two daughters,) a fellow in the pit, cried out, "*that's just half a crown a-piece.*" An incessant laugh prevailed, and another syllable could not be heard during the remainder of the representation.

A QUALIFICATION FOR A WIFE.

A certain king who had sent an ambassador to negociate a match for his son, was told that his intended daughter-in-law was beautiful, and although she did not possess much refinement, would probably bear children. "That is sufficient," replied the monarch, "I think that women have learned enough when they know the difference between their husband's waistcoat and his breeches."

LE PERE ARRIUS.

Le Pere Arrius said—when Le Pere Bourdaloue preached at Rouen, the tradesmen forsook their workshops, the lawyers their clients, the physicians their sick, but when I preached there the following year, I set all things right—*every man minded his own business.*

XENOPHANES.

This old Sage was far from letting a false modesty lead him into crimes and indiscretion, when he was upbraided and called *timorous*, because he would not venture his money at a game of dice. "*I confess*," said he "*that I am exceedingly timorous, for I dare not do an ill thing.*"

NOT A TORY BUT A LIBERTINE.

A lady, whose husband held an office in the early part of the American revolution, and who was much more remarkable for the beauty of her person than the brilliancy of her mind, being in company with a number of her own sex, the state of the times became the topic of conversation, when one of them hinted, that the lady's husband was suspected to be in the tory interest: she immediately contradicted it with great spir-

it, asserting, that '*She knew*, and all the neighbours knew, and many of them could not but know, that *her husband* was one of the greatest *libertines* in all that part of the country.'

HEROIC BOY.

At the battle of Ramsour's Mill, when Capt. Falls received a mortal wound, and fell, his son, a youth of fourteen, rushed to the body, when the man who shot him was beginning to plunder it, and regardless of his opponent's strength, snatched up his father's sword, and laid him dead at his parent's feet.

POPE'S SEATS.

New made Popes were formerly seated on a chair with a hole in it, from whence they threw money to the people. The design of this *delicate* throne, was to intimate to the newly elected Pope, that he was subject to the *calls of nature* like other men.

ABBE L'EPEE.

The Russian ambassador at Paris made the Abbe de l'Epee a visit in 1780 and offered him a considerable sum of money as the munificence of the Empress. This the Abbe declined, saying, "he received gold from no one, but if the Empress would send him a deaf and dumb person to educate, he would consider it a more flattering mark of distinction."

A TENDER WISH.

A Beggar in Dublin had for a long time been besieging an old gouty, testy gentleman who refused his mite with much irritability; on which the mendicant said, "Ah, please your honor, *I wish your heart was as tender as your toes.*"

THOMAS ELRINGTON.

When the Distressed Mother was first performed in Dublin, Elrington acted Orestes so very naturally, that it had a dreadful effect on a musician in the Orchestra —he caught the infection of Orestes' madness and was removed from the play house to the madhouse, where he soon after died.

SIXTUS THE FIFTH.

When Sixtus the fifth aspired to the Popedom he counterfeited old age for fifteen years: During the conclave assembled to elect a new Pope, he leaned upon a crutch and appeared remarkably infirm. His plan took so well that the Cardinals elected him, expecting that he would die soon. But shortly after his election he performed the *miracle* of his own cure."

POLISH MONARCH.

A Polish monarch left his companions when hunting and a few days after was seen working as a porter. When asked the reason of this strange conduct, he replied, " The load I have quitted is heavier than the one I carry. I have slept more the last four nights than I did during my reign. I now live and am king of myself. Elect whom you choose. It were madness for me to return to court."

A BLUNDERING FOOTPAD.

Gilbert Burnet after having been robbed of his watch and purse by a footpad, was obliged to exchange coats with him as the thief took a strange fancy to his. Not long after, Bishop Burnet put his hand into one of the pockets of the robber's coat where he found his watch and purse, and in the other a considerable quantity of gold.

SPANISH ETIQUETTE.

A Spanish soldier who entered the apartment of the king's sister and saved her from the flames, was tried and condemned to die for intruding upon her. The Princess, however, *condescended*, in consideration of the circumstances to *pardon* the offender, and very *benevolently saved his life.*

DANCING.

An old nobleman thought that grief might be dissipated by dancing—upon the death of Prince George of Denmark, he demanded an audience of the Queen to advise her to preserve her health by dancing.

DR. JOHN BULL.

Dr. John Bull was a professor of Music—a musician showed John a song he had composed in forty parts, and defied all the world to add another part to the composition, but upon the Englishman's adding forty parts more to it in three hours, the Frenchman swore he must be either the *Devil* or *John Bull.* Hence the words John Bull have been applied to England.

YORKSHIRE.

A Yorkshire boy asked a gentleman for some salt who gave it him and inquired, "why he wanted it." "Perhaps," said the boy, "you may give me an egg and I wish to be ready to eat it." "Then take an egg," replied the gentleman, "Are there not many horse stealers in Yorkshire?" "My father," quoth the boy, "is a Yorkshireman, and is thought to be an honest man, but would no more mind stealing a horse, than I would drinking your ale," (turning the gentleman's ale down his throat at the same time.) "That will do. I see you are Yorkshire."

CALVIN.

Calvin's adversaries are never other than knaves, lunatics, drunkards and assassins! By him Catholic and Lutheran are alike hated.

BYRON.

"What must I do," said the Hon. J. W. Ward to Lord Byron, "What must I do to be re-whigged." "You must first be re-warded," replied the noble poet.

MARTIN LUTHER.

Martin Luther, says, "the Papists are all asses and will always remain asses. Put them in whatever sauce you choose, boiled, roasted, baked, fried, skinned, beat, hashed, they are always the same asses."

BEZA.

Beza, the disciple of Calvin, declares Polyphemus an ass, a great ass who is distinguished from other asses by wearing a hat; an ass on two feet; a monster composed of part of an ass and wild ass; a villain who merits hanging on the first tree we meet."

D'AQUIN.

D'Aquin the French king's physician, in his Memoir on the preparation of Bark, takes *Mantissa*, which is the title to the History of Plants, by Johnstone, for the name of an author, and who, he says, is so extremely rare, that he only knows him by name!

REFUGE.

A boy who in term time picked a pocket, fled inside the bar for protection. He was asked the reason

of this strange conduct, and replied, that '*in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.*'

THANKS.

It appears in the Harleian MSS. 1524, that Rushworth the author of 'Historical Collections,' passed the last years of his life in jail, where indeed he died: after the restoration, when he presented to the King several of the privy council's books, which he preserved from ruin he received for his only reward, *the thanks of his majesty!*

BOYCE.

Boyce, whose poem on Creation ranks high in the poetic scale, was absolutely famished to death; and was found in a garret with a blanket thrown over his shoulders fastened with a skewer, and a pen in his hand.

LAW.

A wealthy farmer in the state of New-York, having been sued by Mr. Havens, wrote the following classical epistle to his attorney,

"Esq. ******* Sur if the sute of *Heaven's* goes agin me i want you to kerry it up to a *higher corte* for God knows I dont owe him one cent."

REVOLUTIONARY.

One day in the middle of winter, General Greene, when passing a sentinel who was barefooted, said, "I fear, my good fellow, you suffer much from the severe cold." "Very much," was the reply, "but I do not complain. I know I should fare better, had our general the means of getting supplies. They say, however, that in a few days, we shall have a fight, and then I shall take care to secure a pair of shoes."

THE RETORT.

Mr. Colt, superintendant of the canal at Fort Stanwix, being provoked at an Irishman, gave him a sturdy kick. 'By St. Patrick,' retorted the Hibernian, 'if you kick so while you are a *Colt*, what will you do, when you come to be a *Horse*.'

DR. HOWARD.

Dr. Howard chaplain to the last Princess Dowager of Wales, finding himself much in arrears to many of his trading parishioners, preached a sermon from the following text: "Have patience and I will pay ye all." He expatiated at length on the advantage of *patience*. "And now my brethren," said he "I come to the second part of my discourse, which is, and and I will pay ye all: but that *I shall defer to a future opportunity*."

JUDICIAL PLEASANTRY.

A lawyer was pleading before a Scotch Judge.—Happening to have a client, a *female* defender in the action of the name of Tickle, he commenced his speech in the following humorous strain—"Tickle, my client, the defendant, my Lord." The audience amused with the oddity of the speech, were almost drawn into hysterics of laughter, by the Judge replying, "Tickle her yourself Harry, you are as well able to do it as I."

LAW.

Horne Tooke used to say, that law in his opinion, ought not to be a luxury for the rich, but a remedy for the poor. When told that the courts of justice were open to all, he replied, so is the London Tavern to such as can pay for entertainment

AN ATHEIST

An Atheistical fellow during a storm at sea, concluded a prayer with the following words. "O Lord I beseech thee to hear my prayer at this time, for thou knowest that I trouble thee but seldom."

DRINKING HEALTHS.

Lord Bacon, on being asked to drink the King's health, replied, that *he would drink for his own health* and *pray* for that of the King."

INSURANCE.

Miss M——, a young heiress of considerable personal attractions, chanced to be seated the other evening, at a dinner party, next to a gentleman remarkable in the fashionable circles for the brilliancy of his wit, who had long made one in the train of her admirers. The conversation turning on the uncertainty of life, "I mean to *insure* mine," said the young lady archly, "in the *Hope*." "In the hope *of what* ?" said her admirer; "a *single life* is hardly worth insuring; I propose that we should insure our lives together, and if you have no objection I should prefer the *Alliance*."

BISHOP LATIMER.

Latimer in one of his sermons, says, "Now ye have heard what is meant by the *first card* and what ye ought to *play:* I propose again to *deal* unto you another *card* of the same *suit;* for they may be of so high affinity, that the one cannot be well *played* without the other."

ADAM.

An ancient writer informs us that Adam had a double body: the female parts joined at the shoulders,

their countenances turned from each other. And this he proved by Moses saying—'So God created man in his image, male and female created he them, and he called their name Adam.' Adam being solitary, cut himself in two and found himself fitted for procreation.

MR. LOOKUP.

Mr. Lookup had a strong propensity for play and often won money from lord Chesterfield. After having beat his lordship several times at billiards, he asked how many the nobleman would give him if he put a patch on one eye; lord Chesterfield gave him five and Lookup beat him several times in succession. At length his lordship said, "Lookup, I think you play as well with one eye as two." "I dont wonder at it," replied Lookup, "for I have seen only out of *one* eye *for ten years.*" With the money he won on the occasion, he bought some houses at Bath and named them *Chesterfield Row.*

CAPTAIN GEE.

When Marion's brigade was engaged in the battle of Eutau, Capt. Gee was supposed to be mortally wounded. A ball passed through the cock of his hat, very much tearing the crown, and also his head. He lay for many hours insensible; but suddenly reviving, his first inquiry was after his hat; which being brought to him, a friend at the same time lamenting the mangled state of his head, he exclaimed, "Oh, I care nothing about my head: time and the doctors will mend that: but it grieves me to think that the rascals have ruined my new hat forever."

VAIN MEN.

Dr. Parr and lord Erskine are said to have been the vainest men of their times. At a dinner, Dr. Parr, in extatics with the conversational powers of lord Erskine,

called out to him though his junior—"My lord I mean to write your epitaph." "Dr. Parr," replied the noble lawyer, "it is a temptation to commit suicide."

A PAINTED ANGEL.

"Why did you not admire my daughter?" said the Lady Archer to a gentleman. "Because," said he "I am actually no judge of *painting*." "But surely," rejoined her ladyship, "you never saw an angel that was *not* painted."

MR. BURKE.

At a time when Mr. Burke rose in the house of Commons, with a large bundle of papers in his hand, a rough-hewn country gentleman, who had more ear perhaps, for the melody of hounds than for political discussion, exclaimed with something of a look of despair, "I hope the Honourable Gentleman does not mean to read that large bundle of papers, and bore us with a long speech into the bargain." Mr. B. was so swollen, or rather so nearly suffocated with rage, that, utterly incapable of utterance, he ran out of the house "Never before," said the facetious George Selwyn, who told the story with great effect, "did I see the fable realized, a lion put to flight by the braying of an ass."

HONEST CONFESSION.

A clergyman catechising the youth of his parish, put the first question from the catechism of Heidelberg to a girl, 'What is your only consolation in life and in death?' The poor girl smiled, but did not answer. The priest insisted,—'Well, then, (said she) since I must tell, it is the young shoemaker of Agneaux-street.'

SPECULATION.

A capitalist being asked what he thought of the speculations now afloat, replied, "They are like a cold bath, to derive any benefit from which, it is necessary to be very quick *in* and very soon *out*."

RETORT.

In 1793, when a war with France was agitated, on account of the conduct of that country to the Dutch, a gentleman in company said, impetuously, "Damn the Dutch, burn their towns." "Rather," replied a lady, "*un*-dam them, and sink them."

AN IRISHMAN'S REPLY.

Lord St. John being some time ago in want of a servant, an Irishman offered his service, but being asked what countryman he was, answered an Englishman.—'Where was you born?' said his lordship. 'In Ireland an' plaze your worship,' said the man. 'How then can you be an Englishman?' said his lordship. 'My lord,' replied the man, 'sposen I was born in a stable, that's no razen I should be a horse.'

HONOURABLE DESCENT.

A newly imported cockney tourist lately requested a gentleman of Philadelphia to give him letters of introduction to some foreigners in New York, with whom he might associate without degradation—some who had "*descended from great houses*," &c. The courteous American readily complied with his request, and the cockney was yesterday formally introduced to three Irish hod-men, while they were in the very act of *descending* from a "great house" in Broadway. The traveller's mortification was highly relished by the honest Hibernians.

A TRUE KING.

When Dr. Franklin applied to the King of Prussia to lend his assistance to America, "Pray Doctor," says the veteran, "what is the object you mean to attain." "Liberty, Sire," replied the philosopher, "liberty!

that freedom which is the birthright of all men." The King after a short pause made this memorable answer; "I was born a prince, I am become a king, and I will not use the power I possess to the ruin of my own trade."

TWO OF A MIND.

A lady and gentleman disputing upon a subject the lady testily remarked, "Sir, we cannot agree in any thing." "You are wrong, madam," said he "If you should go into a room in which there were but two beds, a woman in one and a man in the other, with whom would you sleep." "With the woman," replied the lady. "So would I," the gentleman replied.

A RETORT.

At a fashionable whist party, a lady having won a rubber of 20 guineas, the gentleman who was her opponent pulled out his pocket book and tendered her 21*l.* in bank notes. The fair gamester observed with a disdainful toss of her head, "In the great houses which I frequent, sir, we always use gold." "That may be, madam," replied the gentleman, "but in all the little houses which I frequent, we always use paper."

MIDWIFERY.

General Burgoyne told General Gates, that he was fitter for a *midwife* than a general. "True," said G. "*I have safely delivered you of* 7000 *men.*"

PENANCE.

When old Parr was brought from Shropshire by lord Arundel, and introduced to Charles the first, both king and queen were, from the untoward situation of their affairs, in a very serious frame of mind; the queen,

looking at him with great earnestness, asked him what he had done more in his long life, than men who had not lived half his time. "May it please your majesty," replied he, "I did penance for a bastard child in Abberbury church, when I was above a hundred years old."

AN APPRENTICE'S ANSWER.

A mechanic, who kept a number of apprentices, whose wife was not possessed of the beauty of Helen, was very strict in meal time devotion. It happened one day at dinner time, that the husband was absent: the lady looking round and seeing no one at the table to say grace, she thus addressed herself to the oldest apprentice: "John, since your master is absent, I believe you must supply his place." "I thank you madam," says John, "I had rather sleep with the boys."

TENDER FEELING.

Sterne's maid servant asked her master's leave to go to a public execution. Soon after she set off, she returned blubbering and all in tears. On her master asking her the cause of her grief, and why she cried, she answered, "because she had lost her labour; for before she reached the gallows, the man was reprieved."

THE REBEL FLOWER.

A British officer, noted for inhumanity and oppression, meeting Mrs. Charles Elliot in a garden adorned with a great variety of flowers, asked the name of the Chamomile, which seemed to flourish with remarkable luxuriance. "That is the rebel flower," she replied, "The rebel flower!" rejoined the officer, why did it receive that name?" "Because," answered the lady, "it thrives most, when most trampled on."

A GOOD MOTTO.

After the death of Nelson, English ladies were fond of wearing the Trafalgar garter, on which was inscribed the memorable signal, "England expects every man will do his duty."

A PRIVY COUNSELLOR.

The floor of a necessary having given way and let C. R. Busbe, solicitor general of Ireland, into the vault —Curran addressed a note to him: "The Right Honorable, &c." Mr. B. a few days after asked Mr. C. why he had thus directed the note. "Why," replied he, "because I heard you had been made a *Privy* Counsellor."

A WET NURSE.

A girl about 15 years of age applied for the situation of a wet nurse to a certain lady in Boston, who expressed her astonishment that she should be qualified for the situation. "Madam," said the girl, "I never was a wet nurse, but I can soon learn to be one."

FEMALE LOQUACITY.

A friar when preaching in a nunnery, observed to his female auditors, "be not too proud, that our blessed Lord paid your sex the distinguished honour of appearing first to a female after the resurrection; *for it was done that the glad tidings might spread the sooner.*"

GRACE.

Dr. Franklin, when a child, found the long graces used by his father before and after meals very tedious; one day after the winter's provisions had been salted,

"I think father," said Benjamin, "if you were to say *Grace* over the whole cask once for all—it would be a vast saving of time."

SHAVING A MONKEY.

A would-be wit, asked a barber's boy if he had ever shaved a monkey. "No," said the boy, "but if you will take a seat, I will try."

ALL ALIKE.

Col. Ethan Allen, after observing of himself and his six brothers, that there were never seven such born of any woman," was told, "*that Mary Magdalen was delivered of seven just like them.*"

MATHER BYLES.

During the American Revolution Mr. Byles, under suspicion of being a Tory, was confined to his own house, and a guard was placed over him there for a week. A short time after another guard was placed over him and again dismissed. Upon this occasion the doctor observed with his usual cheerfulness, that he was *guarded*, *reguarded* and *disregarded*.

A WIFE'S TONGUE.

A gentleman of Leeds, in his description of his eloped wife says, "she has a tongue that cuts like a razor."

PALLS.

A sexton in Salem advertised that he "had several silk velvet palls, which he would be glad to let."

THE DISCONSOLATE HUSBAND.

In prime of life, Tom lost his wife,
Says Dick, to sooth his pain,
"Thy wife, I trow, has long ere now
In Abra'm's bosom lain."———

"His fall forlorn with grief I mourn,"
The shrewd dissembler cries,
"For much I fear, by this sad tear,
She'll scratch out Abra'm's eyes."

THE ODDS.

The bright bewitching Mary's eyes
A thousand hearts have won,
Whilst she, regardless of the prize,
Securely keeps her own.

Ah! what a dreadful girl are you,
Who if you e'er design
To make me happy, must undo
999!

HOME.

I've rov'd through many a weary round,
I've wander'd East and West,
PLEASURE in every clime I've found,
But sought in vain for REST.

While Glory sighs for other spheres,
I feel that one's too wide,
And think the HOME that love endears
Were worth the world beside.

EPITAPH ON A MR. PENNY.

Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,
Dig four feet deep and thou wilt find—a Penny.

BOILEAU.

Boileau used to say that the best epigrams originated in conversation; and of all his own he gave the preference to the following.

"Here lies my wife, and heaven knows,
Not more for mine, than her repose!"

ALLAN RAMSAY.

This pleasing author of the pastoral comedy called "the Gentle Shepherd," wrote the following epigram on receiving an orange from the countess of Aboyne.

"Now Priam's son, thou may'st be mute,
For I can proudly vie with thee;
Thou to the fairest gave the fruit,
The fairest gave the fruit to me."

ON A BARBER.

So slow you do your work, you lazy knave,
Another beard will grow while this you shave

DEAN SWIFT

Having dined with a rich miser, pronounced the following grace after dinner:—

"Thanks for this miracle, it is no less
Than finding manna in the wilderness.
In midst of famine we have found relief,
And seen the wonders of a chine of beef;
Chimneys have smok'd that never smok'd before,
And we have din'd, where we shall dine no more."

EPIGRAM.

Joe Sprightly once courted a beautiful maid,
She asked "have you form'd a connection in trade?"

"Not yet," he replied, "but I have one in view,
"For I hope to become *sleeping partner* to you."

EXCUSE FOR NOT FIGHTING.

"What! you're afraid then?" "Yes Tom, you're [right,
I am afraid to sin, but not to fight;
My country claims my service; but no law
Bids me in folly's cause my sword to draw;
I fear not man, nor devil, but tho' odd,
I'm not ashamed to own I fear my God!"

EPIGRAM.

Old Glyster said, "I do remember well,
Five years ago, I sav'd two hundred lives!"
"Good lack," quoth Pick-axe, "I that year the bell
Did toll for twice two hundred men and wives!"

NEAT COMPLIMENT.

There scarcely ever was a finer compliment paid to a lady than that which was addressed by Dean Swift to a wife who was always praising her husband.

"You always are making a god of your spouse,
But that neither reason nor conscience allows;
Perhaps you may think 'tis in gratitude due,
And you adore him because he adores you.
Your argument's weak, and so you will find,
For you, by this rule, must adore all mankind."

BREAKING THE ICE.

Billy Snip went to skait, when the ice being loose,
He fell in; and was sav'd by good luck;
Cried the tailor, "I'll never more leave my *hot goose*,
To receive in return a *cold duck*."

HOME.

"Dear friend, of late you seem to shun my door,
To-morrow come, we dine exact at four."—
"Well Dick, I'll come although your lady's din
Proves you are not at *home* and yet within."
No paradox is here—plain sense decrees
Man only is at *home* where he's at ease.

LIGHTENING A SHIP.

It blew a hard storm, and in utmost confusion,
The sailors all hurried to get absolution;
Which done, and the weight of the sins they confess'd
Transferr'd, as they thought, from themselves to the priest,
To lighten the ship and conclude the devotion,
They toss'd the poor parson souse into the ocean.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

Tom's fruitful spouse produc'd a yearly child,
And he felt happy whilst the bantling smiled.
Some years ago he join'd the martial train,
And sought for laurels o'er the distant main;
Yet such the force of habit, Nell, they say,
Still bears her yearly child, though Tom's away.

READY PAY.

"Pay me my money!" Robin cried
To Richard, whom he quickly spied,
And by the collar seiz'd the blade,
Swearing he'd be that moment paid:
Base Richard instant made reply,
(And struck poor Robin in the eye,)
"There's my own mark in *black* and *white*,
A *note* of *hand* and *paid* at *sight*."

REVENGE.

A vixen wife who felt the horsewhip's smart,
Ran to her father, begg'd he'd take her part;
"What is your fault?" said he: "come state the case,"
"I threw some coffee in my husband's face,
For which he beat me!" "Beat you, did he! 'slife!
He beat my *daughter!* zounds! I'll beat *his wife.*
If for such faults he gives my daughter pain,
Come but his wife—I'd beat her home again."

A TRIFLING CORRECTION.

Says Tom, who held great contracts for the nation,
"I've made ten thousand pounds by speculation."
Cries Charles, "By speculation! you deceive me:
Strike out the *s* indeed, and I'll believe thee."

EXTEMPORE.

The comical Miss
With her *eyes* tells me yes,
But her *elbows* and *tongue* tell me nay,
Thus I'm kept in suspense
With trouble immense,
And am in a very sad way.

MORE, STRANGE AND WRIGHT.

At a tavern one night,
Messieurs More, Strange and Wright,
Met to drink and good thoughts to exchange;
Says More, "of us three
The whole town will agree,
There is only one knave, and that's *Strange;*"
"Yes," said Strange (rather sore,)
"I'm sure there is one *More,*
A most terrible knave and a bite;
Who cheated his mother,
His sister and brother;"
"O yes," replied More, "that is *Wright.*"

FRAILTY.

"Frailty thy name is woman."—*Shakspeare.*

If Frailty's name is woman's self,
A name which nature gave;
Sure man must be the weaker elf,
Still to be Frailty's slave!

QUID PRO QUO.

A sprightly lady, young and fair,
With arms all *nude* and neck all bare,
At dinner near a Quaker sat;
And feeling much dispos'd to joke,
In playful accents thus she spoke:
"See friend, I toast thy broad-brimm'd hat."
The Quaker smil'd and said, "Thou know'st,
I ne'er use healths, nor give a toast,
Else from thy *challenge* I'd not shrink,
Inclin'd to please so kind a lass,
I cheerfully would take a glass,
And to thy *absent 'kerchief* drink."

ON THE PROPOSITION OF THE ENGLISH MINISTER TO LAY A TAX UPON BREECHES.

"This tax on our breeches," said trusty old Cit,
"Pray how do you relish friend Sly?"
"Very well," answer'd t'other, "the minister's bit,"
"My *wife* wears the breeches, not I."

LAWYERS AND CLIENTS.

Two lawyers when a knotty case was o'er,
Shook hands and were as good friends as before;
"Zounds," says the losing client, "how came you
To be such friends who were such foes just now?"
"Thou fool," says one, "we lawyers tho' so keen,
Like sheers, ne'er cut ourselves, but what's between."

A GRACE EXTEMPORE AT GILL'S TAVERN.

"O THOU! who bless'd the loaves and fishes
Look down upon these empty dishes!
By the same power these dishes fill,
Bless each of us—and curse old GILL."

ON THE HOT WEATHER.

Said Tom to Ned, let's give a call
On all our friends, for truly,
This is the time, what might befall,
They *can't* receive us *cool'y!*

THE MERRY FELLOW.

I laugh, a would-be sapient cried,
At every one who laughs at me.
Good Lord! a sneering friend replied,
How very merry you must be.

EPIGRAM.

"Alas! I'm thirty," said the withering Sue.
"Indeed, sweet virgin, what you've said is true,
For thirty years I've heard you say,
"Alas! I'm thirty years to day."

AGED GALLANTRY.

A gallant *old* gentleman by the name of Page, finding a young lady's glove at a watering place, presented it to her with the following words.

"If from your *glove* you take the letter G,
Your *glove* is *love* which I devote to thee:"

To which the lady returned the following answer:

"If from your *Page* you take the letter P,
Your *Page* is *age*, and that won't do for me."

THE DIFFERENCE.

A priest, who awhile at the altar had tarried,
Awaiting a couple proclaim'd to be married;
Disgusted and teas'd by the lengthen'd delay,
'Till the last drop of patience was oozing away,
Thus exclaim'd in a passion---"Oh had I the power
To *unmarry again*, folkswould keep to the hour"

A HOPEFUL YOUTH.

A man who saw his son quite handy
Top off a glass of strong French brandy,
"Neddy," quoth he, "pray don't do so,
For liquor is your greatest foe."
"But we are taught to love our foes,"
Quoth Ned, "so father, here it goes."

THE DEVIL'S CHOICE.

"Honest Pat, if the Devil his choice had to make,
Which of us two the first do you think he would take?"
"Why 'tis me, to be sure, he would carry away,
Your honour, he knows, he could have any day."

MODERN AMUSEMENTS.

Of the Amusements of young men, Swift gives the following description.

Gaming, talking, swearing, drinking,
Hunting, shooting,——never thinking;
Chattering nonsense all day long,
Humming half an opera song;
Choosing valuables, rings and jewels,
Writing verses, fighting duels,
Mincing words in conversation,
Ridiculing all the nation,
Admiring their own pretty faces,
As if possessed of all the graces;
And though no bigger than a rat,
Peeping under each girl's hat,

THE UGLY LOVER.

How lucky is yon silly fop!
Though ugly is the elf,
He has no rival in his love,
For why?—He loves himself

ON A FOP TURNED EPICURE.

Saving, you say, Jack Spendthrift grows
Because he's seen in shabbier clothes,
But you mistake I tell ye.
A selfish spendthrift still is Jack,
And that which lately vamped his back,
Now goes to gorge his belly.

CONTRARIES PLEASE THE LADIES

A fool and knave with different views,
For Julia's hand apply;
The knave to mend his fortune sues;
The fool to please his eye.

Ask you how Julia will behave?
Depend on't for a rule,
If she's a fool, she'll wed the knave—
If she's a knave, the fool.

TOM'S WEDDING DAY.

Keeping Tom's wedding day, his friends
Boozed till their brains were addled,
They drank his *bridal day!* Tom sighed,
"That same day I was *saddled.*"

EPITAPH ON AN IGNORANT SOT.

Five letters his life and his death will express:
He scarce knew A. B. C. and he died of X. S.

USE OF LETTERS.

A schoolmaster wrote to a lady:

How comes it, this delightful weather,
That U and I can't dine together.

She answered:

My worthy friend it cannot be—
U cannot come till after T.

DR. JOHNSON.

Dr. Johnson, to ridicule some fallacious reasoning wrote the following ludicrous lines.

If a man who turnips cries,
Cry not when his father dies,
It is a sign that he had rather
Have a turnip than a father.

LANDLADIES.

Dick's landladies all crying are,
When Dick from lodgings goes away·
Is he then, by them held so *dear* ?
Why yes—for he *forgets to pay.*

KIND OFFER.

"I'll follow thy fortune," a termagant cries,
Whose extravagance caus'd all the evil;
"That were consolation," the husband replies
"For my fortune has gone to the devil."

THE MERRY MOURNER.

Cries Ned to his neighbour, as onward they prest
Conveying his wife to the place of long rest,
"Take, friends, I beseech you, a little more leisure,
For why would you make a toil of a pleasure ?"

MARRIAGES.

Said Celia to a reverend Dean,
" What reason can be given,
Since marriage is a holy thing,
That they have none in heaven."
" They have," says he, " no women there,"
She quick returns the jest,
" Women there are, but I'm afraid
They cannot find a priest."

AN EPITAPH

Out of a church yard in Dorsetshire, answered by a gentleman, on the widower's marrying again in a fortnight.

EPITAPH.

For me deceas'd weep not my dear,
I am not dead, but sleeping here,
Your time will come, prepare to die,
Wait but awhile, you'll follow I.

ANSWER.

I am not griev'd, my dearest life,
Sleep on—I've got another wife,
And therefore cannot come to thee,
For I must go to bed to she.

THE END OF LIFE.

Tom prais'd his friend, who chang'd his state,
For binding fast himself to Kate
In union so divine;
" Wedlock's the end of life," he cried,
" Too true, alas!" said Jack, and sighed,
" 'Twill be the end of mine."

FENNELL.

This tragedian, upon being so much reduced as to wear a thin dress in winter, Mr. Waring gave him a

surtout on which occasion Mr. Fennell immediately wrote:

Dear Sir, your surtout,
Is a present to suit,
While fortune to me is so sparing,
It's been worn it is true,
But your kindness makes new
What can ne'er lose its value from *Waring*.

THE BRUSH MAKERS.

Two *brush makers* who were *thieving* and contriving to undersell each other, one day met and thus accosted one the other, who had still the upper hand:

"I *steals* the stuff to save my pelf,
And then I makes them up myself,
So cannot think, though oft I try,
How you can cheaper sell than I."
"I'll tell you friend," the other said,
"I *steals my brushes ready made!*"

DECEPTION.

So fair I thought your face and mind,
I wondered much that half mankind
Were not of wits bereaved:
I've had you now three weeks to try,
And wonder how the devil I
Could be so much deceived.

ELECTIONEERING.

"By particular desire" a fellow pronounced the following couplet, extempore, on the election of a Hog Constable in Marshfield, Ms.:

I think it strange
With my weak brains,
The town should think it best,
To call a vote

To choose a *shote*,
To *govern all the rest.*

THE TWO ROGUES.

To rob the public two contractors come,
One cheats in corn the other cheats in rum;
Who is the greater, if you can explain,
The rogue in spirit, or the rogue in grain?

ERRATA.

In Philadelphia the whole edition of a Primer was published containing the following ludicrous mistake, in consequence of the omission of the letter c:

When the last trumpet soundeth,
We shall not all die---
But we shall all be (*c*)HANGED,
In the twinkling of an eye.

ANAGRAM.

The following was found among the manuscripts of William Oldys by his executors.

In word and WILL I AM a friend to you:
And one friend OLD IS worth a hundred new.

EPITAPH ON MR. MONDAY.

Blessed be the Sabbath day,
But woe to worldly wealth---
The week begins on Tuesday,
For Monday's hang'd himself.

PRAISE OF A LADY'S GRAY HAIR.

Though age has chang'd thee---late so fair,
I love thee ne'er the worse;

For when he took thy golden hair,
He fill'd with gold thy purse.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OWING AND PAYING

"I'll give you for your horse, I vow,
So much right down, and pay you now;
And let these witnesses attest,
I *pay* so much, and *owe* the rest."
'Tis done---the horse is led away.---
Ere long the seller asks more pay.---
Quoth buyer, "Sir, close as a tick,
To our agreement I will stick.
By *paying*, 'twould be void you know;
For if I pay, I cannot *owe*."

THE OATH.

"Do you," said Fanny, t'other day,
"In earnest love me as you say?
Or are these tender words applied
Alike to fifty girls beside?"

"Dear, cruel girl," cried I "forbear,
For by these cherry lips I swear——"
She stop'd me as the oath I took,
And said, "You've sworn---now kiss the book."

FRIENDS TO UNION.

Among the men what dire divisions rise,
For "Union" one, and one "No Union" cries.
Shame on the sex that such dispute began;
Ladies are all for *union*---to a man.

EPITAPH.

Beneath this stone, a lump of clay,
Lies Arabella Young,

Who on the twenty-fourth of May
Began to hold her tongue.

EPIGRAM.

Poets of old did Argus prize,
Because he had an hundred eyes.
But sure more praise to him is due,
Who looks an hundred ways with two

ROCHESTER.

The Earl of Rochester meeting a student at Oxford, thus accosted him:

"Pray, Mr. Student, can you tell
Which is the nearest road to hell?"

The other instantly retorted—

"Some say Woodstock, I say nay,
For Rochester's the nearest way."

THE WORLD.

The best of all worlds is that we live in,
To lend—to spend—to invite—to give in,
But to borrow, or beg, or to get a man's own,
'Tis the very worst world that ever was known

CONTRARY TRADES.

Through Lincoln's Inn as Mordecai was crying,
"Old clothes! old clothes! clothes, clothes to sell!
old clothes!"
It chanc'd old Pouncit, too, that way was prying,
Wig on his pate and "spectacles on nose."

Beneath his arm was slung the trusty bag,
The green depot of master's briefs and speeches,
Which made the Jew man cry, (a merry wag)
"Any old clothes to sell, shoes, hats, or breeches!"

"Thou fool of Hagar's offspring!" Pouncit cries,
"Think'st thou I sell old clothes, thou worst of brutes
Here on these papers cast thy sooty eyes;
These papers, Israelite, are all *new suits.*"

THE WILL.

Jerry dying intestate, his relatives claim'd,
While his widow most vilely his mem'ry defam'd—
"What," she cried, "must I suffer, because the curst knave
Without making a will, is laid snug in the grave?"
"That's no wonder," says one "for 'tis very well known,
Since his marriage, poor man! he'd no will of his own."

THE PREDICTION VERIFIED.

Cried Richard, (who knows all the signs of the air,)
"Here's a thunder storm coming as sure as my life.'
"How so," said his friend when the sky is so fair?
"O, I knew I was right, Sir, for yonder's my wife!"

CHRISTIAN JEWS.

The Jews, as we in sacred writ are told,
To *buy* a God, gave Aaron all their gold—
But Christians have become so wondrous odd,
To heap up gold will even sell their God.

THE LETTER CARRIER.

A wag at the gallows who relished a jest,
With a risible phiz thus the hangman address'd:
"Well Jack, I am going to visit the place
Where your father is gone, and the rest of your race;
'Tis a chance but I see him, and you, my good friend,
May by me your respects to the family send."
Ketch gravely replied, as he fastened the twine,
"*I beg leave to trouble you, Sir, with a line.*"

ON A GENTLEMAN'S WEARING STAYS.

And why not wear them?—tell me if you can:
'Tis but the fair prerogative of man!
Woman stole his rib; can you then condemn,
That a mere whalebone he should steal from them?
'Tis strange that *satire* all the world bewitches:
Men may wear *stays*—since women wear the *breeches!*

THE FAIR EQUIVOQUE.

As blooming Harriot mov'd along,
The fairest of the beauteous throng,
The beaux gaz'd on with admiration,
Avow'd by many an exclamation!
What form, what naivette! what grace!
What roses deck her Grecian face!
"Nay," Dashwood cries, "that blooms not Harriot's,
'Twas bought at Reynolds', Reeves' or Marriot's;
And though you vow her face untainted,
I swear by G— her beauty's painted."
The pending bet he soon reveal'd,
Nor e'en the impious oath concealed,
Confus'd—her cheek bore witness true,
By turns the roses came and flew,
"Your bet," said she; "is rudely odd—
But I *am* painted sir, *by* G—."

EPITAPH.

What thou art reading o'er my bones,
I've often read on other stones;
And others soon shall read of thee,
What thou art reading now of me.

LYING.

I do confess in many a sigh,
My lips have breath'd you many a lie,
And who, with such delights in view,
Would lose them for a lie or two?

Nay, look not thus with brow reproving
Lies are, my dear, the soul of loving:
If half we tell the girls were true;
If half we swear to think or do,
Were aught but lying—bright illusion!
The world would be in strange confusion.
Moore.

THE BARBER AND THE CLOWN.

A fellow of the clownish breed
Went to a barber's shop,
And told the tonsor to proceed
His full grown hair to crop.
The work was done; the clown he thought
His beard had grown apace,
So told the barber to cut short
The hair from off his face.
The barber lathers him all o'er,
His mouth stretch'd open wide;
The barber cries, "pray close the door,
For I shall stand outside."

TO BE LET.

A young lady who had been insulted by an old maid, placarded the following lines on her door and windows:

To be let, or be sold, for the term of her life,
Elizabeth Hall, by the way of a wife,
She's old and she's ugly, ill-natured and thin;
For further particulars, inquire within.

QUIN AND FOOTE.

As Quin and Foote one day walk'd out
To view the country round,
In merry mood they chatting stood,
Hard by the village pound.
Foote from his poke a shilling took,
And said, "I'll bet a penny,

In a short space, within this place,
I'll make this piece a guinea."
Upon the ground within the pound,
The shilling soon was thrown,
"Behold" said Foote, "the thing's made out,
For there is one pound one."
"I wonder not," says Quin, "that thought
Should in your head be found,
Since that's the way your debts you pay,
One shilling in the pound!"

MADE UP BEAUTY.

False rumps, false teeth, false hair, false faces,
Alas! poor man! how hard thy case is;
Instead of *woman*, heavenly woman's charms,
To clasp *cork—gum—wool—whalebone* in his arms.

EQUALITY.

I dream'd, that bury'd in my fellow clay,
Close by a common beggar's side I lay;
And as so mean a neighbour shock'd my pride,
Thus like a corpse of consequence I cried;
"Scoundrel begone! and henceforth touch me not;
More manners learn; and at a distance rot,"
"How scoundrel! in a haughtier tone," cried he;
"Proud lump of dirt, I scorn thy words and thee,
Here all are equal; now thy case is mine;
This is my rotting-place, and that is thine."

CATS.

The captain of a British frigate had a natural antipathy to a cat. One of his sailors who had been ordered a flogging, saved his back by presenting to his commander the following petition—

By your honour's command,
A culprit I stand—
An example to all the ship's crew,
I am pinion'd and stript,

And condemn'd to be whipt,
And if I am flogg'd, 'tis my due.
A cat I am told
In abhorrence you hold—
Your honour's aversion is mine.
If a cat with one tail
Makes your stout heart to fail,
Pray save me from one that has nine.

DRUNK OR SOBER.

Friend Richard drunk, or sober, is
A very different fellow;
When sober he's a cautious quiz,
A pleasant chap when mellow.
You ask me which "I should prefer?"
Depends upon the end;
Sober, if for a servant, sir,
But drunk, if for a friend.

THE CHOICE OF A FRIEND

Were I to choose a friend for life,
That friend should be a modest wife;
To whom I might with joy impart
The tender feelings of my heart.
With such a friend I might with ease
Sail over life's tempestuous seas.
A passage with a friend like this
Would make it smooth and full of Bliss

NEW BOOTS.

"These boots were never made for me
"They are too short by half;
"I want them long enough d'ye see,
"To cover *all* the calf."
"Why sir," said Last, with stifled laugh
"To alter them I'll try;
"But if they cover all the calf,
"They must be six feet high."

MATRIMONY.

Thomas Basterd, Esq. Fellow of New College, 1588, wrote the following epigram on his three wives:

Though marriage by some folk is reckoned a curse,
Three wives I did marry, for better for worse;
The first for her person—the next for her purse—
The third for a warming pan, doctress and nurse.

The above reminds us of a clergyman whose first wife was immensely rich, his second was exquisitely beautiful; and his third, whom he married in his old age, to nurse and comfort him in the decline of life, proved to have a most ungovernable temper. He observed to one of his friends, that he had three wives, the world, the flesh, and the devil.

JEU D'ESPRIT.

The stamp duties on receipts was first imposed during the celebrated Coalition Administration; which gave occasion for the following *jeu d'esprit*, at the ime generally attributed to Sheridan:

"I would," says Fox, "a tax devise,
That shall not fall on me;"
"Then tax receipts," Lord North replies,
For *those* you never *see*."

THE CHAIN OF GOVERNMENT.

When Belzebub first to make mischief began,
He the woman attack'd, and she gull'd the poor man
This Moses asserts, and from hence would infer,
That *woman* rules *man*, and the *devil* rules *her*.

EPIGRAM.

"Vat is one rout?" a Frenchman thus inquired—
A rout? A party at which folks get tired.
"Ah! by my fait! Ve have dese parties too;
De rout vat fagg'd me most---vas Vaterloo."

KISSING.

One day behind my lady's back,
My lord attack'd her maid,
And stole a kiss which she repaid,
And gave him smack for smack.
Pert with such freedoms "Pray," said she,
"Who kisses with the greatest glee?
Is it my lady? Is it I?"
"'Tis you no doubt," he made reply.
"Why in good faith it must be true,"
Resum'd the wanton dame;
"For Tom, and John and chaplain too,
All say the very same."

FREEDOM OF ELECTION.

A barber in a borough town, it seems,
Had voted for Sir John against Sir James;
Sir James in angry mood, took Suds aside,
"Don't you remember shaving me," he cried,
"Five pieces for five minutes work I gave,
And does not one good turn another crave?"
"Yes," quoth the barber, and his fingers smack'd,
"I grant the doctrine and admit the fact,
Sir John upon the same score paid the price,
But took *two* shavings, and of course *paid twice.*"

A GENUINE BULL.

Says Dennis to Paddy, "I can't for my life
Conceive how a dumb pair are made man and wife,
Since they can't with the form and the parson accord."
Says Paddy, "you fool, they take each other's word."

A FURY.

Earth has no curse like love to hatred turn'd,
And Hell no fury like a woman scorn'd.

THREE WIVES.

Though marriage by some folks
Be reckon'd a curse,
Three wives I did marry
For better or worse.
The first for her person,
The next for her purse,
The third for a warming-pan,
Doctress, and nurse.

THE BACKBITER.

No. Vœrus hates a thing that's base,
I own indeed, he's got a knack
Of flatt'ring people to their face,
But scorns to do't behind their back.

ON A MISER.

Here crumbling lies, beneath this mould,
A man, whose sole delight was gold;
Content was never once his guest,
Though thrice ten thousand fill'd his chest;
For he, poor man, with all his store,
Died in great want——*the want of more.*

WIT.

As in smooth oil, the razor best is whet,
So wit, is by politeness, sharpest set;
Their want of edge from their offence is seen,
Both pain us least, when exquisitely keen.

EPITAPH ON AN UPHOLSTERER.

Too cruel death has snatch'd poor John away,
And chang'd his feathers for a bed of clay.

EPIGRAM.

A baker once into his basket did peep,
And perceiv'd a young child lying in it asleep,
A wit passing by, his astonishment heeded,
And archly observed, 'he found more than he kneaded
The baker replied, "Nought on earth can be truer,
For he who *needs* bread, needs no children, I'm sure."

EPIGRAM.

One day young Colin whisper'd love to Kate,
But with disdain she bade the youth depart;
"Ah cruel fair one, tell from whence thy hate?"
From whence? I'll tell thee—only from my heart."

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